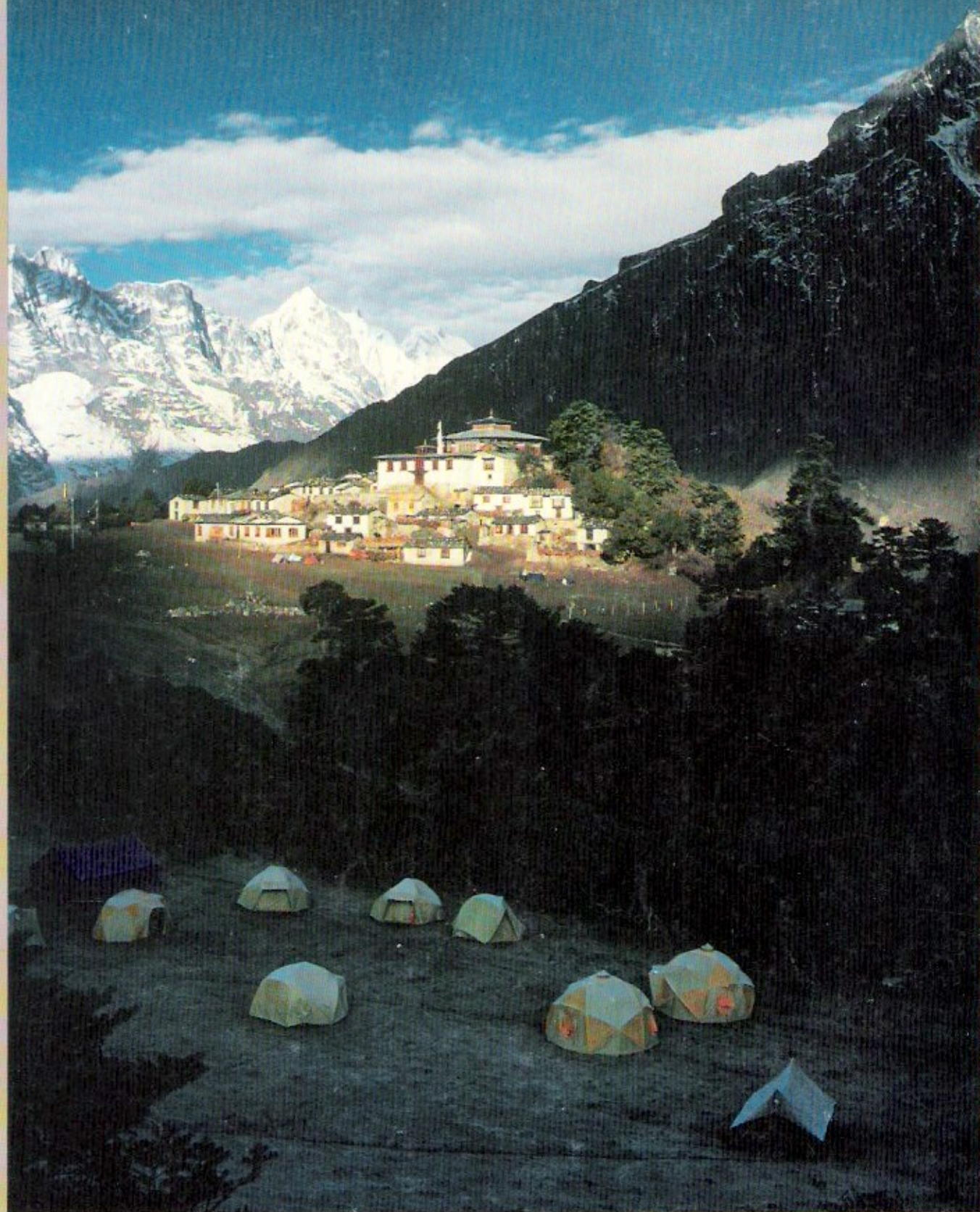


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## THE NORTH FACE FULL WARRANTY

All NORTH FACE products are fully warranted to the original owner against defects in materials and workmanship, except as qualified below.\* If a product fails due to a manufacturing defect, even after extended use, we will repair the product without charge, or replace it, at our option.

Repairs due to accident, improper care, or negligence, where we are not at fault, will be performed for a reasonable charge. Please return the product to your nearest dealer, or to THE NORTH FACE Repair Department, 1111 8th Street, Berkeley, California 94710.

California state law requires that products accepted for repair be clean. Cleaning charges will be assessed when a dirty product is repaired.

This warranty gives you specific legal rights and you may have other rights which vary from state to state.

\*NORTH FACE products insulated with PolarGuard®, 3M Thinsulate® or Hollofil® will provide many years of service if properly cared for. However the useful life of these materials is not yet known. Therefore THE NORTH FACE warrants the intended functions of these materials for three years from the date of manufacture. All other components of PolarGuard®, Thinsulate® and Hollofil® products (stitching, snaps, zippers, etc.) are covered by the Full Warranty above.

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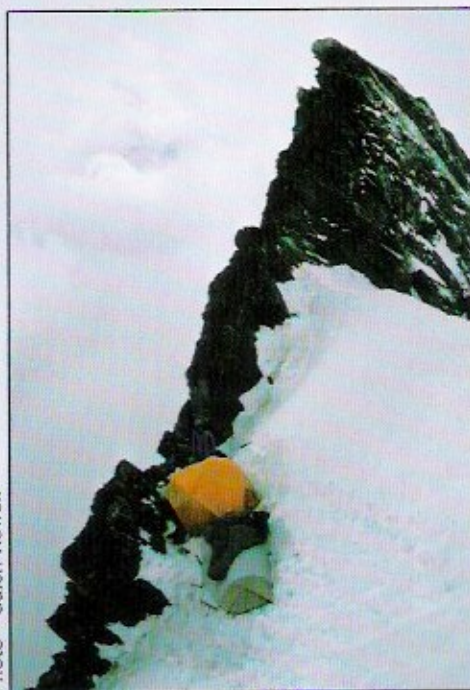


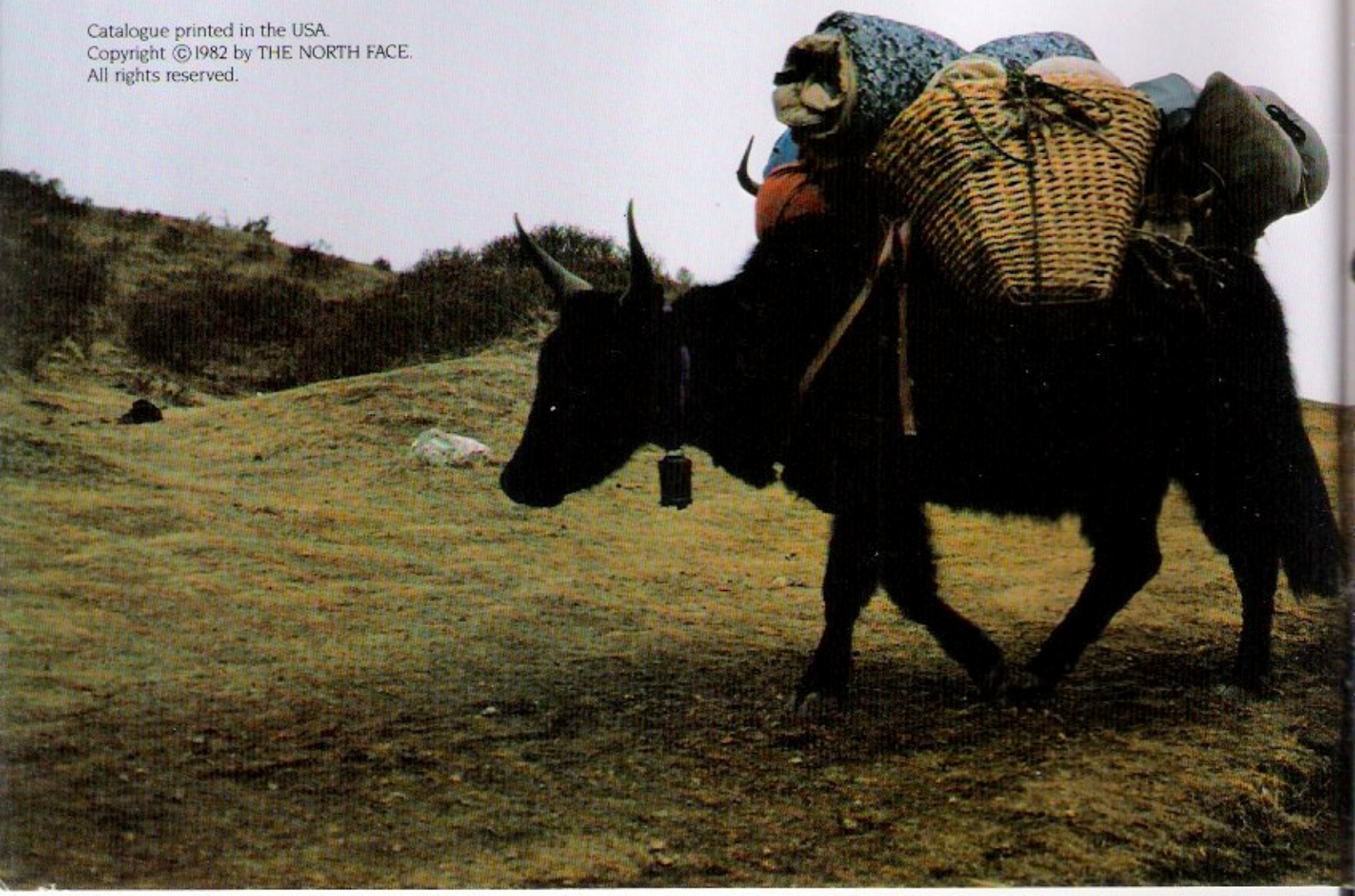
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**W**HEN THE NORTH FACE was founded, we were warned that an environmentally oriented company which predicated its existence on manufacturing only the highest quality products lasting a lifetime, and employing people with a sense of humor and a love of both life and the wilderness, would never survive the rigors of the "real" business world.

After fifteen years we look back with a smile at this admonition and with great pride in our dynamic growth. We feel it suggests that a lot of you tend to agree with our approach and that is why you will find our products—throughout the world—wherever the wilderness demands the most.

In this catalogue you can see a myriad of scenes from Nepal—another example of the exotic, wonderful and mystical settings around the world in which you can use and enjoy our products.

This catalogue also introduces several innovative new **Outerwear** items including—the **Storm Peak**, a GoreTex® fabric, Thinsulate® insulated all-weather parka,





the **Sonora**, a 1980's version of the classic down parka, featuring a trimmer profile with zippered pockets and Antron taffeta fabric, and finally the **Barrington**, a functional, durable town jacket.

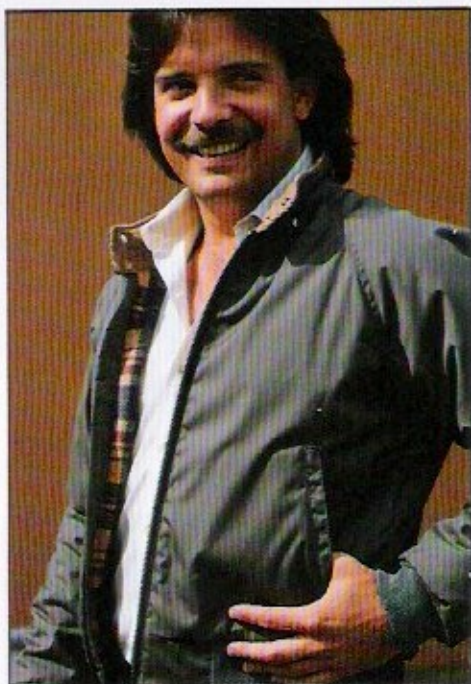


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In sleeping bags, we are following our successful update of the synthetic bags with a *radiant barrier* version of the Cat's Meow, the **Photon Three**, available in October. This unique combination of Orcotherm™ reflective and our layered construction has proven highly efficient in thermal copper man tests at Kansas State University.

Another new development at THE NORTH FACE is the establishment of a **Skiwear Division**, committed to extend our design approach to a line of truly functional ski clothing. These products are no longer included in this catalogue, but are presented in a catalogue of their own. If you would like a copy, please write to: Skiwear Division, The North Face, 1234 Fifth Street, Berkeley, CA 94710.



THE NORTH FACE has grown remarkably, and we are all very proud of our progress. Not only have we gotten bigger—we've gotten better. Two examples underscore this fact: Our Quality Control laboratory is second to none, and our Research and Development team is at the pinnacle of the industry.

The many letters we have received documenting the strong performance of our products in all conditions, the uniqueness of our full warranty, and the satisfaction of our customers—continues to affirm the correctness of the direction of our company. The unsolicited choice of our products for most of the major worldwide climbing expeditions is testimonial to their worth.

THE NORTH FACE has always been an innovator, and we have always dedicated ourselves to responsibly producing the highest quality products for the active outdoorsperson—functional products, made of the finest materials which are devoid of gimmickry.

With your continued support, we'll always provide the most advanced line of sleeping bags, tents, packs, outerwear and skiwear in the world. Our commitment to excellence is not taken lightly, our full lifetime warranty guarantees it. As always, we welcome your comments.





## STOWAWAY JACKET/STOWAWAY PANTS

THERE'S A LOT to be said about a GoreTex® jacket and pant suit combining the qualities of suppleness, ultra-lightweight, and factory taped seams plus having "stowaway" convenience. The two-ply Luscious® GoreTex® shell, the Luscious® lining and the lightweight shockcords and Talon® zipper speak for themselves.

The shell and lining are designed in an attractive no-nonsense style, making the Stowaway Jacket an excellent garment for casual wear. The hood, the velcro cuff closure, the covered zippered pockets and the shockcord in the elastic waistband and hood enable it to tighten into a foul weather jacket of high protective quality.

The Stowaway Pants have elasticized waist and ankle bands. The waist also has a shock cord adjustment and the ankles an additional snap adjustment. The pants are reinforced in the seat and knees with an extra layer of 3 oz. coated nylon taffeta giving double protection. More than an occasional slide down the snow doesn't threaten the material in the least.

The Stowaway Jacket and Stowaway Pants stuff into their own pockets enabling them to be easily carried in any pack or briefcase.

STOWAWAY JACKET AND PANTS: Men's S,M,L,XL Women's S,M,L

Colors: Royal, Yellow

Av. Weight: JACKET 397 g (14 oz.)

PANTS 312 g (11 oz.)

### Stowaway Fabric:

2-ply Luscious GoreTex®—The Luscious fabric in this 2-ply laminate is an ultra-lightweight (1.65 oz/yd²) 40 denier nylon taffeta; thread count 180 x 120. The Stowaway Jacket and Stowaway Pants are also completely lined with the same Luscious fabric.

### Rain Top & Rain Bottom Fabric:

3-ply Taslan GoreTex®—a 3-ply laminate of Taslan (100% nylon), GoreTex® film, and a knit backing (100% nylon); 5 oz/yd². The Taslan fabric is composed of textured yarns for a cotton-like look; it is highly abrasion-resistant. The nylon knit backing adds strength and protects the GoreTex® film.

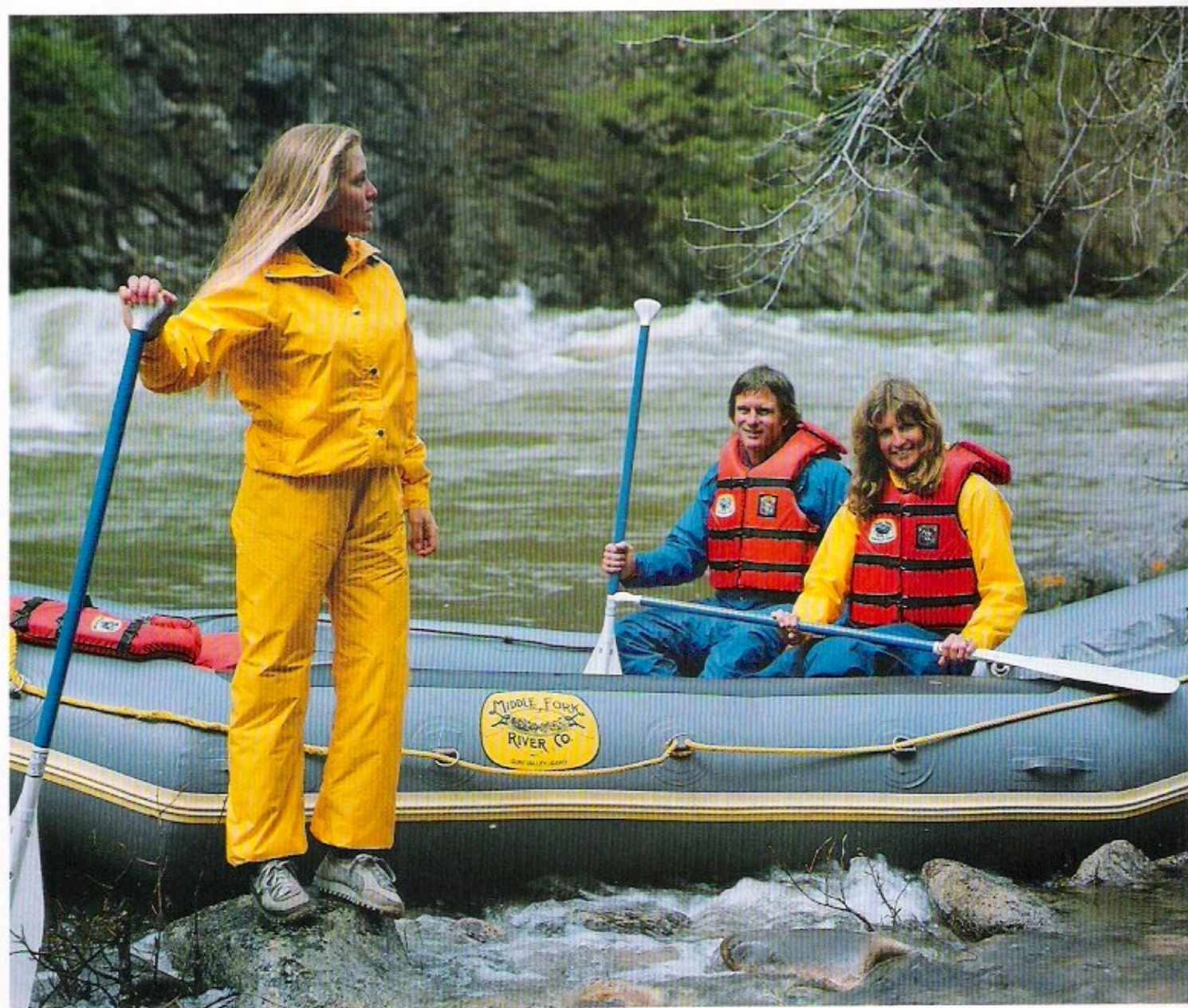




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## RAIN TOP/RAIN BOTTOM

OUR THREE-PLY Taslan GoreTex® Rain Top and Rain Bottom have been best sellers for several years. Now, factory taped seams have virtually eliminated "leaky" seams rendering them essentially waterproof.

The Rain Top features velcro cuff closure and velcro side pockets. The full, shockcorded hood and the shockcorded waist complete the weather-proofing features of this jacket.

Our Rain Bottom has a velcro-closing, elasticized waist. Snap-adjustable, urethane-coated taffeta splash cuffs keep your legs dry even in the most stormy weather.

RAIN TOP GORETEX® Sizes: Men's S,M,L,XL Women's S,M,L

Colors: Navy, Royal, Red

Av. Weight: 539 g (1 lb. 3 oz.)

RAIN BOTTOM GORETEX® Sizes: Men's S,M,L,XL Women's S,M,L

Color: Navy

Av. Weight: 454 g (1 lb.)





## GRIZZLY PEAK

OUR GRIZZLY PEAK parka features two-ply Taslan GoreTex® laminate lined with 2.2 oz. uncoated nylon taffeta. Factory seam taping to reduce leakage combines with a shock-corded, detachable hood to make this "mountain parka" a best buy.

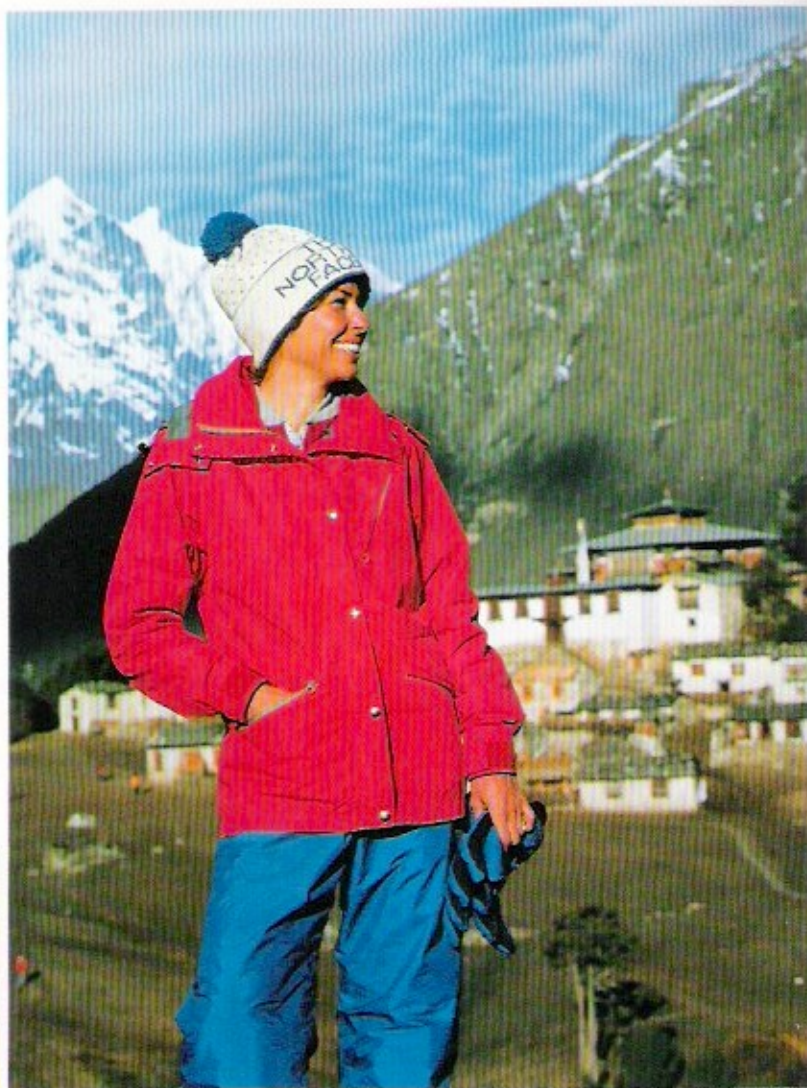
The collar and velcro-cuffs are knit-lined for comfort, while the waist features an elasticized shockcord. Three outside zippered pockets and two inside pockets (one zippered and one velcroed) make this garment extremely versatile. Testimony to the Grizzly Peak's durability is that prototypes of this garment have been *successfully* field-tested by various ski patrols.

THE NORTH FACE's Grizzly Peak is the perfect choice for an all around, all-weather parka. Light enough for those cold fall days around town, yet it converts to a more stylish version of a mountain parka with the insulation of the detachable hood. Just pull the shockcord drawstring in the hood around your face, zip it up, pull the waist drawcord and you're ready for the kind of weather powder skiers love.

Sizes: Men's S,M,L,XL Women's S,M,L

Colors: Navy, Tan, Red

Av. Weight: 737 g (1 lb. 10 oz.)



## MOUNTAIN PARKA

CLASSICALLY STYLED, functional and comfortable, THE NORTH FACE Mountain Parka is much more.

The tight weave of the 65% polyester/35% combed cotton shell added to a 2.2 oz. taffeta nylon lining provides excellent wind resistance plus the best water repellency of "blended" fabrics. Two layers of Bayhead 65/35 are used in the hood and yoke to insure double protection where it's most needed. Side vision is not restricted with the hood up. Rain and snow are deflected through the hood's full cut and cold drafts are kept out when the drawcord is pulled snugly around the face.

Velcro closures on the cuffs and drawcord at the waist give precise ventilation control. A 2" wide storm flap covering the double-slider coil zipper on the outside plus a throat flap on the inside form a perfect barrier against cold winds.

Four bellowed pockets hold lots of gear. Two cargo/handwarmers plus two breast pockets really add those finishing touches to this classic shell.

Sizes: XXS,XS,S,M,L,XL

Colors: Navy, Camel, Mahogany

Av. Weight: 857 g (1 lb. 10 oz.)



**Grizzly Peak & Storm**

**Peak Fabric:** 2-ply Taslan GoreTex® outer shell — a 2-ply laminate of Taslan (100% nylon) and GoreTex® film; 3.3 oz/yd<sup>2</sup>. The Grizzly Peak is lined with 2.2 oz/yd<sup>2</sup> uncoated nylon taffeta to protect the GoreTex® film.

**Mountain Parka Fabric:**

Bayhead 65/35 outer shell — 65% polyester/35% combed cotton; 5.75 oz/yd<sup>2</sup>; thread count 115 x 70. It has a Zepel® finish for water and stain resistance.

**POLARFLEECE:** 100% polyester; 10.2 oz/yd<sup>2</sup>. This double-faced fleece is a knit fabric which is napped and sheared on both sides. Its unique construction makes it more wind-resistant than other pile fabrics and less susceptible to pilling. Fleece is breathable, odorless and non-allergenic.

**FLEECE SHORT JACKET**

THE NORTH FACE Fleece Short Jacket is an ideal lightweight outershell as well as a versatile layering garment. Worn as a jacket over your shirt, it is well-suited to a variety of wet-cold conditions.

The close-fitting cuffs and collar minimizes bulk when worn over a turtleneck sweater or under a parka. The contrast piping adds style while complementing THE NORTH FACE's high quality construction and design.

Sizes: Men's S,M,L,XL Women's S,M,L  
Colors: Navy/jade trim, Burgundy/silver trim, Silver/navy trim  
Av. Weight: 725 g (1 lb. 9 oz.)

**FLEECE VEST**

THE FLEECE VEST has a stand-up collar and elasticized hemline to fit closely when worn with shell garments. The contrast piping adds a stylish touch to coordinate with your casual clothes. Two zippered outside pockets add to the versatility of this garment.

Sizes: Men's S,M,L,XL Women's S,M,L Colors: Navy/jade trim, Silver/navy trim.  
Av. Weight: 397 g (14 oz.)





## FLEECE PULLOVER

IF YOU ARE looking for maximum warmth in a fleece garment — look no more, our Fleece Pullover is exactly what you've been looking for. Featuring a deep neck zipper for easy on and off, this pullover traps in warmth by not having a full-length zipper.

Two zippered pockets will secure your money, keys or lip balm while you're busy negotiating that next class five rapid. Made of 100% polyester knit, you are assured of staying warm after a dunk in the river — just wring it out and what moisture is still left in the matrix of the weave will quickly dry.

Sizes: Men's S,M,L,XL Women's S,M,L

Colors: Navy/jade trim, Burgundy/silver trim, Silver/navy trim

Av. Weight: 624 g (24 oz.)

## FLEECE PANTS

THE FLEECE PANTS from THE NORTH FACE are ideal for keeping warm when worn alone or under either the GoreTex® Rain Bottoms or our Stowaway Pants. For active people, the zip-

pered pockets will secure keys, change, or I.D. The knit anklets and adjustable shock cord waist ensure a good fit.

Like our other fleece garments the Fleece Pants shed wind and water making them ideal for river-rafting, kayaking or as comfortable campwear.

Sizes: Men's S,M,L,XL

Women's S,M,L

Color: Navy

Av. Weight: 454 g (1 lb.)

## FLEECE JACKET

WHEN THE WINDS come up, you'll keep the drafts out when you put on THE NORTH FACE Fleece Jacket with its knit cuffs and knit waistband. Stand the double collar up against your neck for added protection from the cold, and experience the softness.

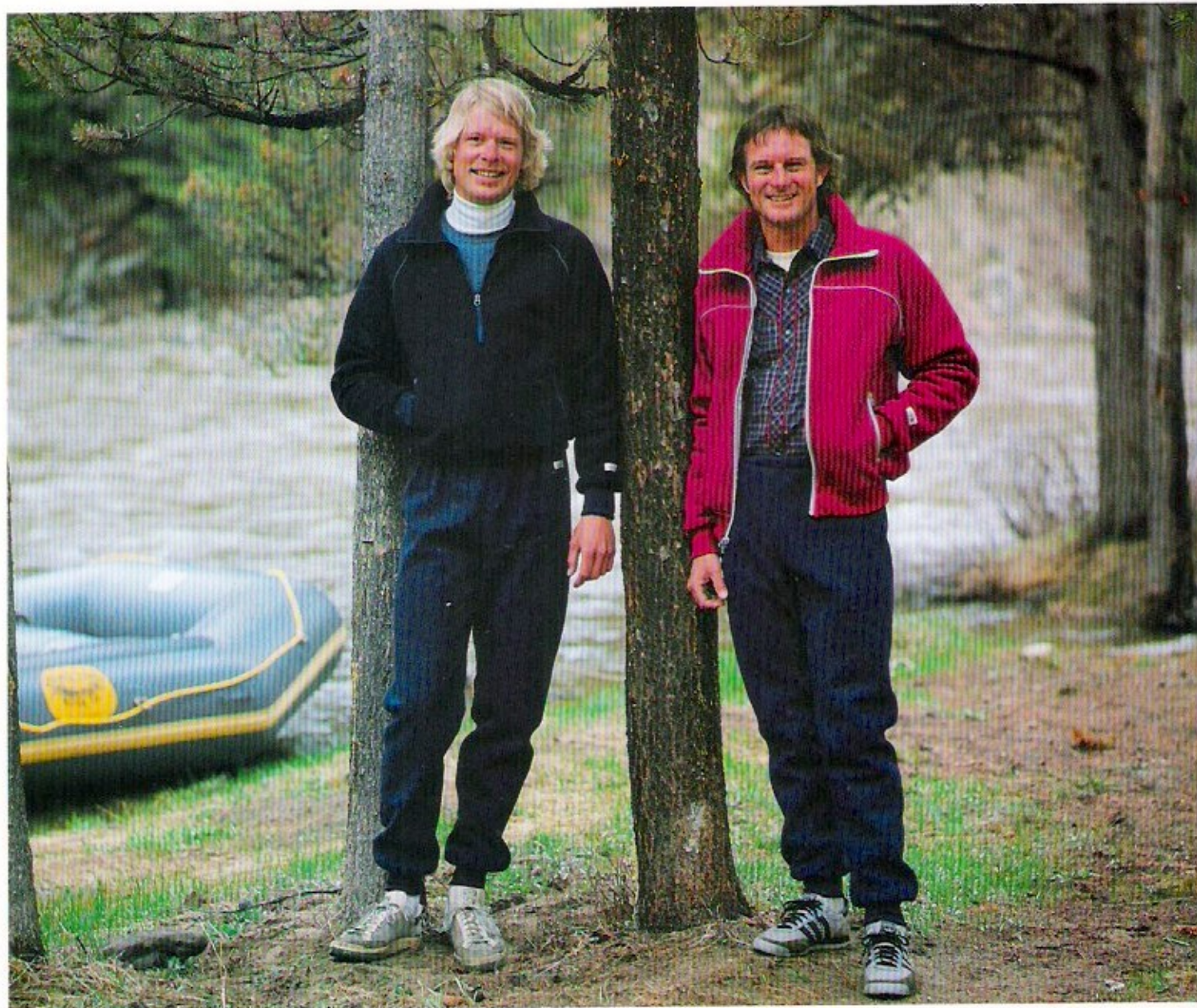
This garment was designed to be worn as a jacket over your turtleneck or shirt. Combine it with one of our shell garments and it is suited for a variety of wet-cold conditions.

Sizes: Men's S,M,L,XL

Women's S,M,L

Colors: Navy/jade piping, Burgundy/silver piping, Silver/navy piping

Av. Weight: 710 g (25 oz.)





**GOOSE DOWN:** Down is the most efficient insulator available. It takes nearly twice the weight of the most complex synthetic insulator to achieve the insulation value of goose down. Down is more durable, compactable, breathable, and softer than anything man has been able to come up with to date.

**Sonora Fabric:** Antron® taffeta shell and lining — 50% nylon, 50% Antron, 2.2 oz/yd<sup>2</sup>; 70 denier; thread count 160 x 90. This smooth, soft fabric has a high tear strength and will not shrink; the Antron fibers add a "sparkle." It is downproof by construction with a Zepel® finish for stain and water resistance.

## SONORA

HERE IS AN updated version of the classic goose down parka with a trimmer fit. The sleek, Thinsulate®-backed hand-warmer pockets are zippered for secure storage. Large inside pockets are ideal for wallet, maps, glasses, etc. The double-slider front zipper runs into the high, down-insulated collar and is backed by a draft flap which prevents a cold metal zipper toggle from freezing your chin. Features such as the snap adjustments at the cuff, double draft flap, and elasticized waist drawcord allow the wearer to seal out icy drafts. The fabric is rugged Antron taffeta; and the full three-layer construction (quilted outer shell and free-hanging lining) is more windproof than the usual sewn-through method. For wilderness use, the Sonora stuffs into a 6"x16" stuff sack. A detachable hood is an option for those extra cold days.

Sizes: Men's S,M,L,XL Women's S,M,L

Colors: Navy, Jade, Royal, Graphite

Av. Weight: 1.09 kg (2 lbs. 6 oz.)

Hood: (snap-on): 128 g (4 1/2 oz.)





## SIERRA PARKA

IMAGINE A DOWN parka that you could wear as a nice looking city jacket or as an expedition garment at 25,000 feet. For local use only, choose the abrasion-resistant 65/35 poly/cotton model. In the wilderness, the lighter and more compactable ripstop model is ideal.

What at first glance looks like your old-fashioned basic parka, has some carefully designed features that make it out-perform some flashier, heavier, more costly parkas. Ten ounces of down give a lot of warmth in a coat that has a double-slider coil zipper, a hidden drawcord at the waist to keep out wind and snow, snap adjustments on the elastic cuffs, and roomy sleeve-and-shoulder tailoring that keeps the whole coat from heading skyward when your arms do.

SIERRA PARKA RIPSTOP Sizes: XXS, XS, S, M, L, XL

Colors: Navy, Brown, Red

Av. Weight: 708 g (1 lb. 9 oz.)

HOOD (snap-on): 122 g (4.3 oz.)

SIERRA PARKA 65/35

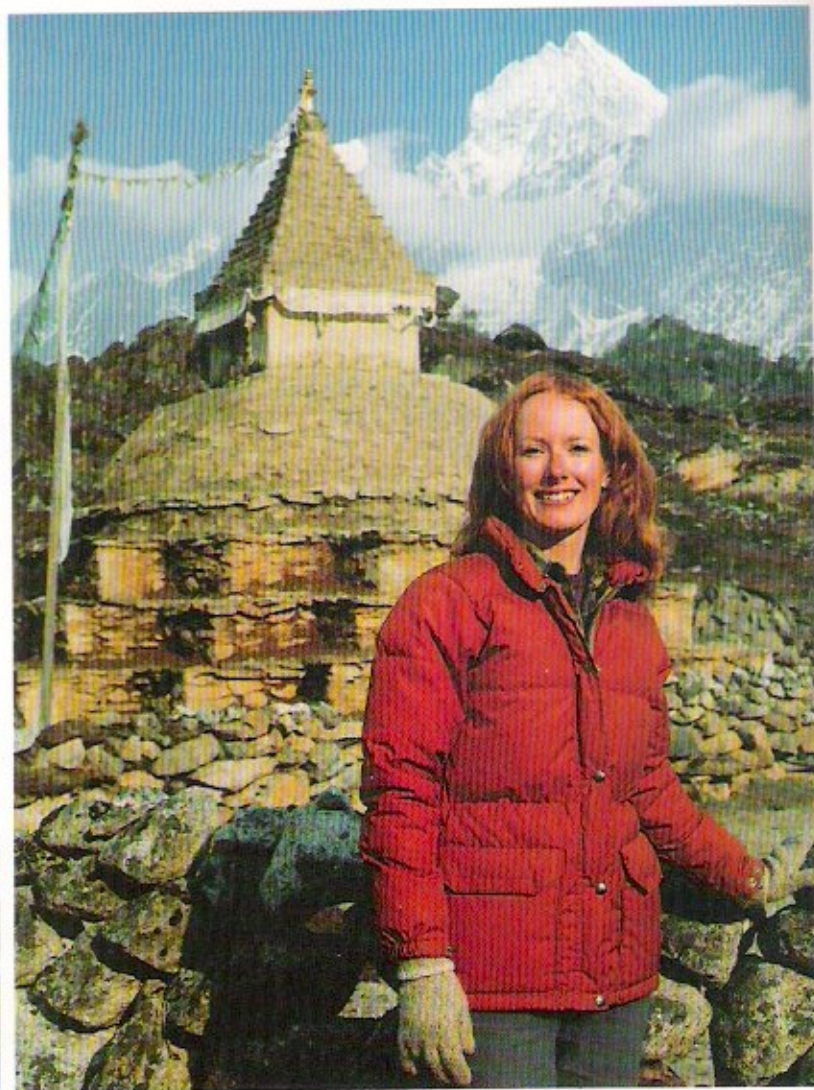
Sizes: Men's S, M, L, XL, XXL Women's S, M, L

Colors: Navy/tan lining, Tan/rust lining, Mahogany/tan lining

Av. Weight: 1.1 kg (2 lbs. 3 oz.)

65/35 HOOD (snap-on): 170 g (6 oz.)

SIERRA PARKA 65/35: Men's XXL



## DOWN VEST

OUR DOWN VEST with five ounces of prime goose down fill provides warmth to the chest area and maximum unrestricted arm movement. It's no surprise this is our most versatile garment — ideal for cross country skiing, hiking, climbing or city wear. Used in layers under a parka or shell, THE NORTH FACE Down Vest is a perfect way to adjust to weather variations.

Two large handwarmer pockets are featured on the durable 65/35 poly/cotton model as well as on the compressible ripstop version. For your valuables, the ripstop vest has an additional inside pocket with a velcro closure — the 65/35 vest has two breast pockets secured by snaps.

DOWN VEST RIPSTOP Sizes: XXS, XS, S, M, L, XL

Colors: Navy, Green, Red

Av. Weight: 369 g (13 oz.)

DOWN VEST 65/35 Sizes: Men's S, M, L, XL Women's S, M, L

Colors: Navy/tan lining, Mahogany/tan lining, Camel/rust lining

Av. Weight: 628 g (22 oz.)

DOWN VEST 65/35: Men's XXL (Navy/tan)



**Sierra Ripstop & Down Vest Ripstop Fabric:**

19 oz. Ripstop shell and lining — 100% nylon; 19 oz/yd<sup>2</sup>; 70 denier; thread count 110 x 100. It has a Kendown® finish for downproofness and Zepel® finish for water and stain repellancy. An ideal light fabric.

**Sierra 65/35, Down Vest 65/35, Serow & Brooks Range Fabric:**

Bayhead 65/35 outer shell — 65% polyester/35% combed cotton; 5.75 oz/yd<sup>2</sup>; thread count is 115 x 70. This is an "intimate" blend of polyester and cotton fibers which is downproof by construction with a Zepel® finish for water and stain resistance. This superior 65/35 cloth has a soft cotton-like texture, while being highly abrasion resistant and durable.

**GOOSE DOWN:** At THE NORTH FACE goose down is tested for species, content and fill power to be sure it meets our standard of 550 cubic inches per ounce. You can be assured that goose down filled parkas, vests and sleeping bags from THE NORTH FACE meets or exceeds Federal Trade Commission guidelines for a goose down-filled product.

**Puffin Fabric:** Silky taffeta shell and lining — 100% nylon; 1.65 oz/yd<sup>2</sup>; 50 denier; thread count of 160 x 96. This is a soft and silky fabric which is extremely lightweight and downproof by construction. The Zepel® finish aids in water and stain repellancy.

**PUFFIN**

THE PUFFIN is the ultimate in a comfortable, lightweight parka, compactible for backpacking yet stylish enough for town wear. The design is simple and functional. A "Silky Taffeta" outer shell combined with our 550 goose down results in a soft, compressible garment, weighing about 17 ounces.

The front zipper zips into a high, down-filled collar and is backed by a Thinsulate® filled draft flap, preventing a cold metal zipper toggle from freezing to your chin. The elasticized drawcord in the hem along with elastic cuffs with snap adjustments allow for more protection against the cold. Two Thinsulate® backed outside pockets are zippered for secure storage of small items. For additional space, two velcroed inner pockets completes this versatile parka. The Puffin stuffs easily into its 5"x10" sack.

Sizes: Men's S,M,L,XL Women's S,M,L

Colors: Royal, Silver

Av. Weight: 483 g (1 lb. 1 oz.)





## SEROW

THE SEROW is constructed to keep the cold out. An average of 12 oz. of prime goose down is filled into a strong liner shell of 2.2 oz. nylon taffeta, then quilted into place. A 65/35 polyester/combed cotton layer is attached to the outside of the quilted shell at the collar, cuffs, zipper and hem—giving the maximum in wind resistance and heat retention by eliminating sewn-through seams in this three-layer garment.

Features of the Serow are well conceived for freezing weather. To keep hands toasty there are two large hand-warmer/cargo pockets with velcro closures. Two additional zippered pockets—a breast pocket and an inner pocket, hold essentials. Velcro closures on cuffs help ventilation control.

Sizes: XXS, XS, S, M, L, XL, XXL Colors: Navy, Camel, Mahogany

Av. Weight: 1.2 kg (2 lbs. 10 oz.)

Hood: 162 g (5.7 oz.)

Serow: XXL (Available in navy only)

## BROOKS RANGE

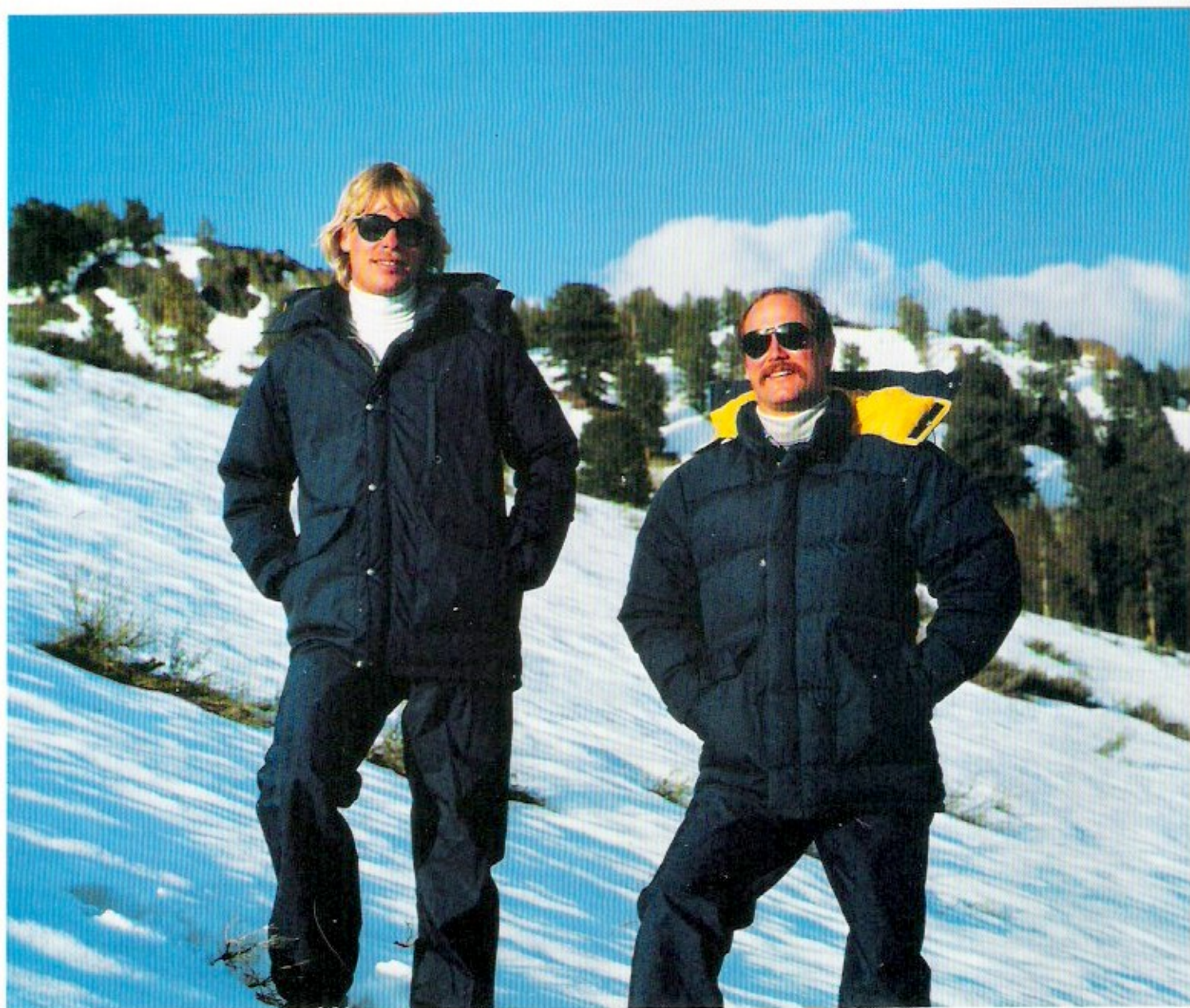
THE BROOKS RANGE is designed for cold temperatures and mean, nasty conditions—ideal for people who live in the far north. Seventeen ounces of prime goose down provides a consistently high loft for those with manic sensitivities to cold. Even though the 65/35 shell is so good looking, this is not a designer parka for wearing around town.

A nylon coil zipper is protected on both sides by a wide draft flap. Double offset quilt construction, meaning no sewn-through seams, along with waist drawcord gives additional wind protection. Oversized handwarmer/cargo pockets, draft flap and cuffs are easily opened with velcro tabs, perfect for clumsy overmitts.

Both the parka and the detachable hood are differentially cut allowing for a nice fit on the inside yet enough fullness on the outside for full lofting of the down. The hood with its PolarGuard® filled tube closes as snugly around the face as the best sleeping bag.

Sizes: S, M, L, XL Color: Navy shell/gold lining

Av. Weight: (with hood) 2 kg (4 lbs. 8 oz.)





## BARRINGTON

COMFORTABLE AND CASUAL, the Barrington incorporates NORTH FACE functional detailing in a jacket ideal for both town and country. Rugged "Bayhead" 65/35 is teamed with Thinsulate CS-100 to create an attractive jacket — warm but not bulky. The knit waistband and cuffs seal out drafts, as does the draft flap behind the zipper, while the corduroy on the inside of the collar is comfortable as well as good looking. Thinsulate® backed outer pockets are warm and zippered for security. Additional storage is provided by a zippered pocket in the lining.

The body of the jacket is lined with 100% long staple wool plaid. A natural insulator, wool is also very durable and resilient. It has the ability to absorb and evaporate moisture vapor, leaving a dry layer of air next to the skin which helps retain body heat. The raglan sleeves are lined with nylon taffeta, allowing for complete freedom of movement and easy on-off.

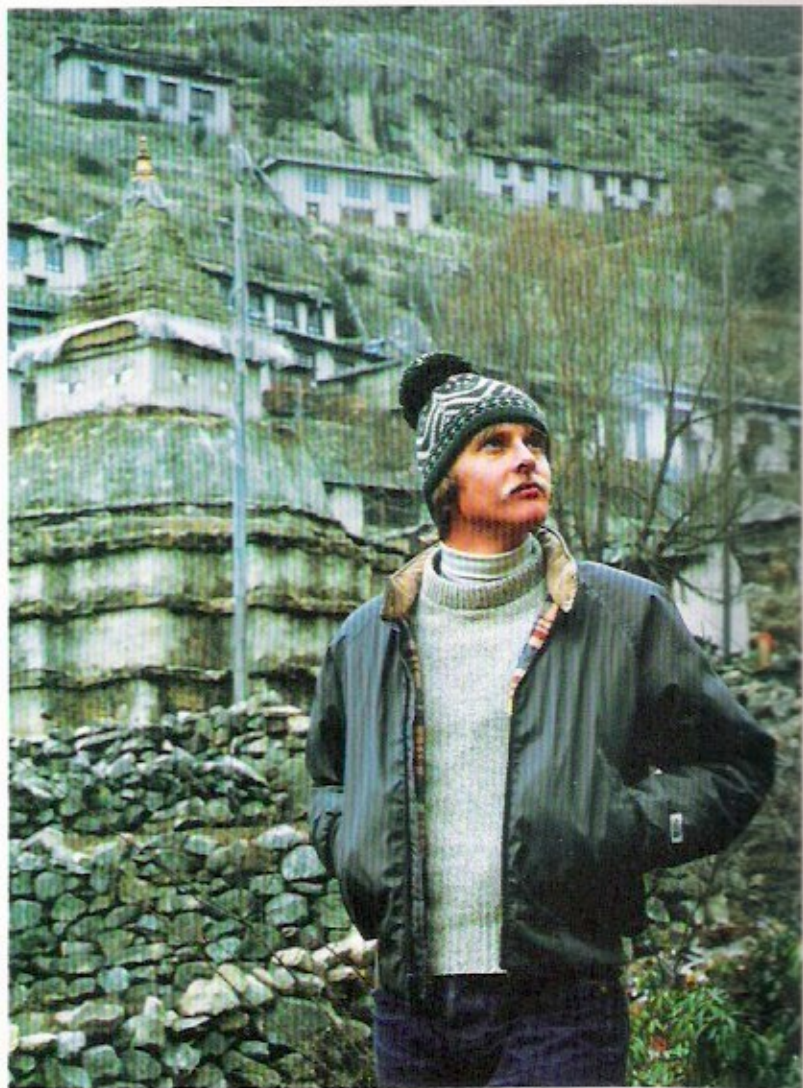
Sizes: Men's S,M,L,XL

Colors: Navy, Tan, Graphite

Av. Weight: 943 g (2 lbs. 1 oz.)

**THINSULATE®:** This is a synthetic insulation which consists of a thin but dense network of tiny fibers, each finer than a human hair. These "microfibers" create a greater surface area to trap air and serve as insulation.

This capability results in an insulator that is close fitting and has low bulk. Like other synthetic insulators, it is hypo-allergenic and absorbs little moisture while still maintaining warmth.



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## STORM PEAK

THE ADVANTAGES OF GoreTex® and Thinsulate® are combined in this versatile insulated mountain parka. The 2-ply Taslan GoreTex® shell with its factory sealed seams offers rain protection, while the Thinsulate® fill (CS-200 in the body, CS-150 in the sleeves) adds warmth but not bulk. The knit band in the collar is comfortable and keeps the neck area draft-free. When the hood is removed, the Storm Peak is converted from a storm parka to a town coat. A double slider zipper enables the wearer to open the jacket from the top or bottom, providing excellent ventilation control. The elasticized waist drawcord and velcro at the cuffs keep out cold drafts; the zippered slash pockets are larger in volume, more secure, and less prone to leakage than conventional patch pockets. An additional pocket in the lining has a secure zipper closure.

Sizes: Men's S,M,L,XL Women's S,M,L

Colors: Navy, Royal, Tan

Av. Weight: 1.29 Kg (2 lbs. 13 oz.)



## WILD VEST

VERSATILE, FUNCTIONAL, warm, durable, inexpensive, attractive, easy to care for — all describe the Wild Vest. Made to keep little people warm, the Wild Vest has two handwarmer pockets, a 2" wide draft flap plus a high tube-like collar with snap closure.

For those special belongings there is a velcroed inside pocket. The outer shell is durable 65/35 polyester/cotton, with Hollofil® II on the inside. The best in the West is THE NORTH FACE Wild Vest.

Sizes: Children's S,M,L

Colors: Navy, Red, Royal

Av. Weight: 510 g (1 lb. 1 oz.)

CHILD'S SIZES	S	M	L
CHEST	24½"	26"	27½"
SLEEVE LENGTH	28¼"	28½"	28¾"



## WHIPPERSNAPPER

ROUGH-HOUSING won't be a problem with the 65/35 outer shell. Add Hollofil® II — voila! A washable parka with the quality look and feel of down, plus superior warmth and a price tag to suit your budget.

Two cargo/handwarmer pockets keep ungloved hands warm while carrying important treasures. To keep those young ones snug, we've added knit cuffs to seal in warmth. The zipper is protected from sneaky, cold drafts by a wide flap which can be snapped closed. For extra cold days an optional hood is available.

Sizes: Children's S,M,L

Colors: Navy, Red, Royal

Av. Weight: 741 g (1 lb. 10 oz.)

Hood (snap-on): 142 g (5 oz.)

## LOBO

THE LOBO is just the perfect item for sailing, river rafting or wearing around town. Du Pont's high-loft Dacron® Hollofil® II fill dries out quickly and keeps its loft even when wet. Two patch pockets will keep fingers toasty warm while the inner pocket will guard your valuables.

Known for its ruggedness, Bayhead 65% polyester/35% combed cotton fabric graces the outside while durable, light-weight ripstop nylon lines the interior. Easy to care for, THE NORTH FACE Lobo will be a welcome addition to your functional clothing. Stuffs into a 5"x10" sack for a convenient carry along.

Sizes: Men's S,M,L,XL Women's S,M,L

Colors: Navy, Red, Royal

Av. Weight: 741 g (1 lb. 10 oz.)







## BISON

JUST THE RIGHT ANSWER for damp, cold climates, the Bison is our synthetic version of the down-filled Serow.

The Bayhead 65% polyester/35% combed cotton shell is rugged, durable, easy to care for, yet very attractive. Ripstop nylon is used for the lining of this multi-functional parka.

Outstanding features are two cargo-handwarmer pockets plus one zippered breast pocket on the outside, and one inner velcro pocket for your valuables. To keep those cold drafts out, the Bison has velcro cuff closures, a waist drawcord and a detachable hood (optional).

Sizes: Men's S,M,L,XL Women's S,M,L

Colors: Navy/grey, Burgundy/grey, Tan/navy

Av. Weight: 1.5 Kg (3 lbs. 4 oz.)

Hood (snap-on): 199 g (7 oz.)

## COYOTE

YOU'LL WANT TO howl with the wind in our Coyote when you discover just how warm this good looking parka is.

The quilted outside makes it hard to differentiate from its down counterpart, the Sierra Parka. The Coyote features two cargo handwarmer pockets for those chilly days, plus one velcroed inner pocket for stashing essentials. Velcro cuff closures combined with the waist drawcord will keep cold drafts on the outside where they belong.

For no additional cost the Coyote comes with a 7"x18" stuff sack. The detachable hood is optional, but a must for those extreme drops in temperature.

Sizes: Men's S,M,L,XL,XXL Women's S,M,L

Colors: Navy/grey lining, Burgundy/grey lining, Tan/navy lining

Av. Weight: 1.25 Kg (2 lbs. 12 oz.)

Hood (snap-on): 199 g (7 oz.)

### Barrington, Bison, Coyote, Lobo, Whippersnapper & Wild Vest Fabric:

Bayhead 65/35 outer shell — 65% polyester/35% combed cotton, 575 oz/yd<sup>2</sup>; thread count is 115 x 70. Zepel® finish is added for water and stain repellancy. Highly resistant to abrasion, with a soft cotton-like texture.

**HOLLOFIL® II:** Superior in insulation to other synthetics at this time, Hollofil® II provides greater loft to trap more air without additional weight. It also has a siliconized finish to give it down-like softness and drapability. NORTH FACE construction of Hollofil II outerwear has eliminated sewn-through seams for added warmth. Important properties of Hollofil® II are that it will absorb less than 1% moisture and still maintain its loft, and is hypo-allergenic.





# TENTS

## GEODESICS LIGHTWEIGHTS & A-FRAMES

**A**TENT is a portable wilderness home. It must be durable, lightweight, waterproof and sturdy. Many designs overemphasize one of the characteristics and downplay the others. At THE NORTH FACE we have sought to bring you a tent with all of those important features.

**GEODESICS.** In 1975 THE NORTH FACE pioneered the implementation of geodesics in the backpacking industry by producing the first geodesic tent, the Oval Intention. Based on R. Buckminster Fuller's design concept, the geodesic formula provides the greatest volume with the least material and the highest strength-to-weight ratio of any tent design. In other words, the geodesic is a stronger, lighter, roomier tent, with more headroom, better use of floor space, and better weather shedding.

**LIGHTWEIGHTS.** Our most recent addition to the tent line is our "lightweight" tents: the OI 22 and the Westwind. These were created especially to fit into a small backpack and yet give exceptional roominess. They are 30% lighter than other tents affording comparable living space (around 5-1/2 lbs). Pole sections are shorter, making them extremely compact.

**A-FRAMES.** The A-Frame tent has been a classic style for many years. A-Frames are lightweight, efficient, portable and versatile.

**CONSTRUCTION.** When choosing a NORTH FACE tent, the decision is not between a higher or lesser quality tent. All NORTH FACE tents are made with the same high quality standards, the same construction techniques, and the same fabrics. All seams are double needle lap-felled. Structural seams are at least double sewn and completely finished—no raw edges. High stress and wear areas are reinforced with fabric and webbing plus box X-tacks and bar tacks.

**FABRICS.** Floors, sidewalls and doors are 3.0 oz. urethane coated nylon taffeta—smooth and waterproof. Flysheets are light 2.15 oz. urethane coated nylon ripstop (Tuolumne 3.0 oz.) Upper canopies are *breathable* 1.9 oz. ripstop, the highest strength-to-weight ratio of any fabric. No-see-um netting is ultralight monofilament knit, the finest mesh available.

All fabrics are visually inspected for weave, coating and dye. We also inspect fabric for thread count, fabric weight, water resistance and seam strength in our fabric testing lab. All tent fabrics conform to the CPAI-84 standard for flame retardancy.

**POLES.** On most tents we use 7075 aluminum alloy poles anodized to prevent corrosion. This is the strongest, least brittle

aluminum alloy available (100,000 psi. tensile). They are used in all geodesics and lightweight tents.

All poles are shockcorded. Due to the high technical nature of the smaller diameter poles used in the geodesics, each pole is visually inspected for consistent diameter and checked with an electrical eddy-current meter for consistent hardness.

**FINAL INSPECTION.** Every tent is individually pitched for complete inspection prior to final packaging. Each tent is completely warranted with the famous NORTH FACE Warranty.

**WHICH TENT IS RIGHT FOR YOU?** No tent is perfect for all uses, there are compromises & trade-offs made in every design. It is necessary for you to prioritize your needs in order to make the best choice.

How many people will be using it? 2, 3, or 4? Will you need it big enough to hold your gear? How much headroom do you need? When will you be using it? Do you need a four-season winter tent? Does it need a full coverage fly or the conventional shorter one? Will you possibly be stuck in it for days due to storms, and you'll need more ventilation? extra windows? a cook hole? Will you be touring solo or bicycling and weight is a primary concern?

After answering these questions, match your needs to the tent which comes closest to meeting your specifications.

MODEL	FLOOR DIMENSIONS	AREA	HEIGHT AT HIGH POINT	SLEEPS	TOTAL WEIGHT
North Star	278cm x 259cm (110"x102")	5.4m <sup>2</sup> (58.25 ft <sup>2</sup> )	139cm (55")	4	6.8kg (15 lbs.)
Pole Sleeve Oval	290cm x 200cm (114"x79")	4.5m <sup>2</sup> (47.9 ft <sup>2</sup> )	130cm (51")	3	5.0kg (11 lbs. 3 oz.)
VE 24	249cm x 206cm (98"x81")	4.0m <sup>2</sup> (43.0 ft <sup>2</sup> )	124cm (49")	2	4.3kg (9 lbs. 8 oz.)
VE 23	249cm x 213cm (98"x84")	4.0m <sup>2</sup> (43.0 ft <sup>2</sup> )	116cm (46")	2	3.5kg (7 lbs. 12 oz.)
Skeeter 23	249cm x 213cm (98"x84")	4.0m <sup>2</sup> (43.0 ft <sup>2</sup> )	116cm (46")	2	3.2kg (7 lbs.)
OI 22	249cm x 153cm (98"x60")	3.3m <sup>2</sup> (35 ft <sup>2</sup> )	107cm (42")	2	2.53kg (5 lbs. 8 oz.)
Westwind	244cm x 153cm (96"x60")	3.0m <sup>2</sup> (32 ft <sup>2</sup> )	112cm (45")	2	2.45kg (5 lbs. 5 oz.)
Sierra	226cm x 142cm (89"x56")	3.2m <sup>2</sup> (34.6 ft <sup>2</sup> )	122cm (48")	2	3.37kg (7 lbs. 6 oz.)

**ZIPPERS.** Double-slider continuous coil zippers are on the doors of all our tents. Waterproof fabric awnings over the zipper help to prevent drafts from entering and moisture to contact the zipper.

**TAUT, WRINKLE-FREE PITCH.** All NORTH FACE tents are designed and constructed to be pitched smooth and tight for stability and weather proofness.

**FLYSHEETS.** All tents come with flysheets. Those intended for 4-season use come with a full coverage flysheet.

**THROUGH VENTS.** The VE 24, Pole Sleeve Oval and North Star feature through-vents which match tent body and flysheet vents. These vents double as tunnel entrances in a storm.

**VENTS.** All our tents are equipped with vents to allow moist warm air to escape, cool air to enter—keeping condensation at a minimum. Vents and doors are backed with no-see-um netting to keep the insects out.

**TUB FLOORS.** The lower body of the tents are made with waterproof, coated fabric which extend up the sidewalls of the tent, and extend to the top of the tent on door panels.



**POCKETS.** On the inside of all tents are pockets to keep necessities at hand.



## NORTH STAR

SINCE ITS INTRODUCTION in 1979, the North Star has gradually replaced our Morning Glory tent as the most preferred large base camp shelter for high mountain expeditions.

Its renowned ability to defy all weather comes from advanced but utterly simple geodesic structural principles. Six ultra high strength aluminum poles of identical length intersect at regular intervals to form a network of triangles over the tent's hemispherical surface. Since triangles are the only stable geometric figure, this marriage of lightweight nylon and metal works synergistically to provide a drum-tight shelter — far roomier and sturdier than its mere fifteen pounds would suggest.

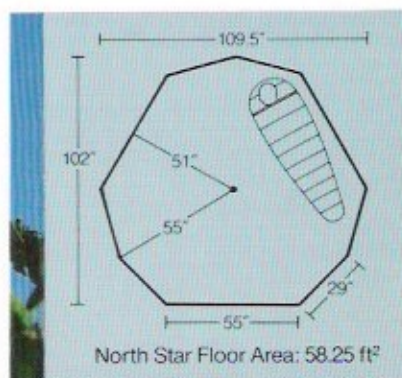
In addition to its size (four large mountaineers and their gear fit quite comfortably in its 200+ cubic foot volume), certain special features make the North Star an ideal expedition tent. Excellent ventilation is assured even when the flysheet is in place by the fully-adjustable main zippered entrance, two full-sized tunnel entrances and an ingenious "stove-pipe" top vent.

Condensation is kept to a minimum by the insulating layer of still air under the full-coverage flysheet; the inner tent wall rarely cools below the dew point. Proper spacing between tent and flysheet is maintained in all conditions by three "separating struts" which plug into rigid plastic "load plates" centered in the large pentagon panels. Flysheet and tent never touch.

Convenience features inside include six see-through wall pockets to keep small items organized and a cookhole for safety when cooking inside is necessary.



Color: Sand/gold tent with sand/gold flysheet  
Av. wt.: 6.8 Kg (15 lbs.)





# POLE SLEEVE OVAL

IN 1975 THE NORTH FACE's Oval Intention became the world's first backpacking geodesic tent. Previously most large tents took the form of pyramids which made good sails no matter which way the wind blew.

The Oval Intention had a lot going for it right from its inception. Geometry tells us that a sphere encloses more volume with less surface area than any other shape. The advent of the dome meant more space inside plus a lighter canopy which THE NORTH FACE maximized by using a breathable yet strong 19 oz. ripstop nylon.

Stretching the shape from a pure dome to an oval made room for a big circular door and sleep-three-squeeze-four floorplan. Morning sun comes into that secure egg like a kaleidoscope with breakfast.

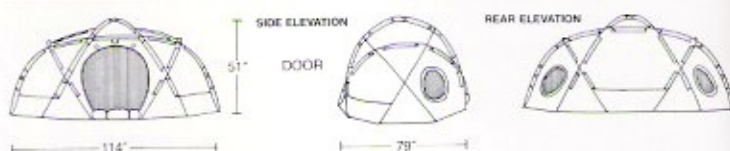
The best part is its geodesic framework. The dome had already proven its ability to lightly frame houses and span whole football stadiums. With the advent of flexible aluminum poles, the qualities of the geodesic framework improved remarkably — it got supple. With the intersecting system of six alumi-

num poles, a blast of wind pushes on one face of the dome which flexes and spreads the force out over the whole framework. Wind just ripples over it.

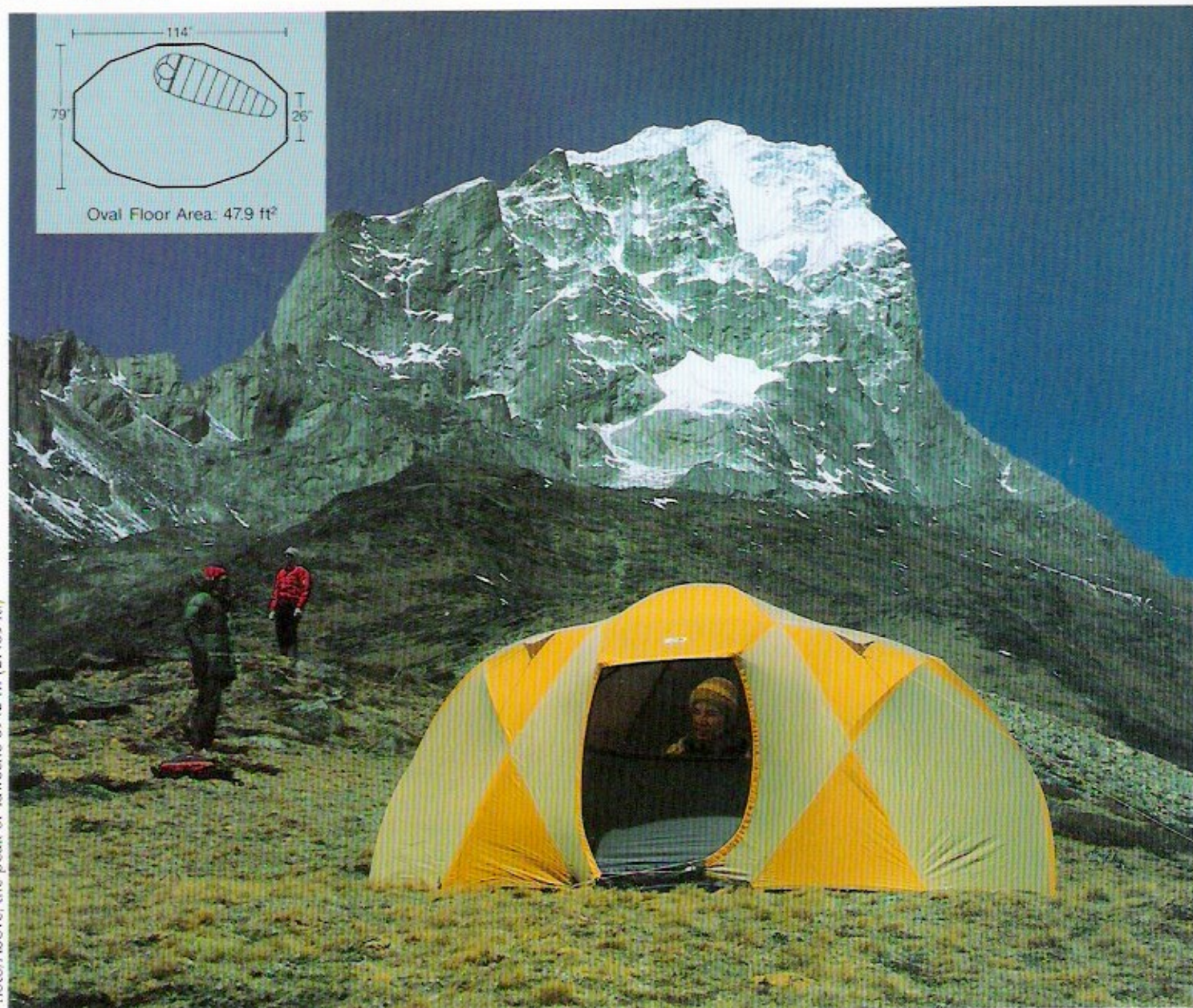
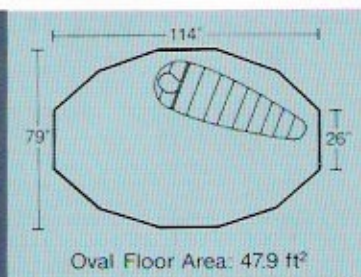
The original Oval Intention was updated to the POLE SLEEVE OVAL. Its canopy encases the poles. It is noticeably roomier inside — with near standup headroom. It has a 3.0 urethane-coated nylon floor which extends well up the sidewalls. Ventilation is provided by two back windows that double as tunnel doors, and the front full coverage flysheet has a porch roof adding to the Oval's four season versatility.

— Doug Robinson

Mountaineering Guide & Journalist



Color: Sand/navy tent with sand/gold flysheet  
Av. wt.: 5.0 kg (11 lbs. 3 oz.)





## VE 24

OF ALL THE WORLD'S four-season, two-person tents this is the Mercedes. Comfortably spacious for basecamp or trekking yet steel tough for the greatest heights. Its introduction caused a sensation in the backpacking industry, setting the precedent for design standards. Refinements over the years have added to its unsurpassed statue of enduring performance.

THE NORTH FACE VE 24 has four poles. Standing strength is significantly increased by the addition of the fourth pole, creating even surface support and tension throughout. With a drum tight pitch and a low, round profile, it sheds snow and wind from a winter blizzard or summer squall.

The VE 24's surprisingly big 43 ft.<sup>2</sup> floor area buttressed by steep walls is all luxuriously usable for two big people plus gear. This mobile home is elastically adaptable when the unexpected occurs on a trek or expedition. It became our home for a week when four of us were trapped in a single VE 24 during a severe New Zealand storm. We became quite fond of our protective shelter as well as of each other.

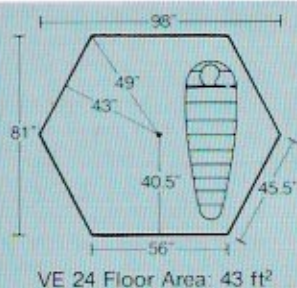
Simply insert the poles into their sleeves, place the ends in grommets and the VE 24 is pitched, quickly. Once assembled, this self-supporting structure—standing without stakes—is easily moved or pivoted about a campsite. A full coverage flysheet completely encloses and stormproofs the tent. The flysheet forms a front awning over the semi-circular door or acts as protection against the weather when pulled tight. Two tunnel vents provide additional ventilation and access.

I feel totally at home in Nature's serenity or ferocity in THE NORTH FACE VE 24.

— Ned Gillette  
Adventure Skier



Color: Sand/gold tent with sand flysheet  
Av. wt.: 4.3 kg (9 lbs. 8 oz.)





## SKEETER 23

EXACTLY LIKE the Ve 23 except our Skeeter 23 features a canopy of no-see-um netting. It is like sleeping outdoors without insects! Wonderful for stargazing, or as natural air conditioning on hot nights. The Skeeter 23 is much lighter than the VE 23—only 7 lbs. Being a NORTH FACE geodesic, it is extremely stable, even in severe summer storms. Just secure the flysheet to keep dry and warm.



VE 23

Color: Sand/green tent with sand flysheet

Av. wt.: 3.5 kg (7 lbs. 12 oz.)

Skeeter 23

Color: Sand tent with mint netting and sand flysheet

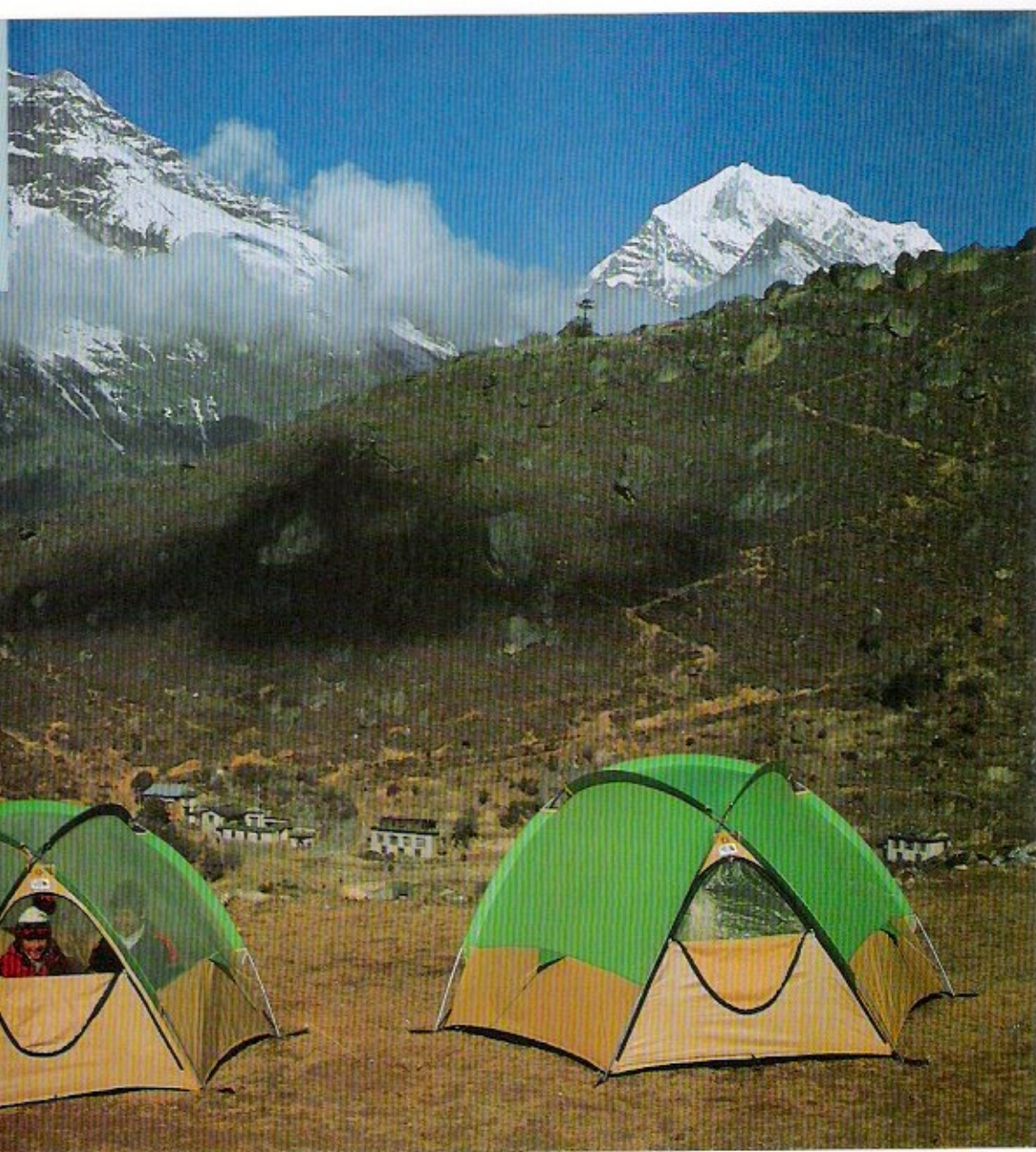
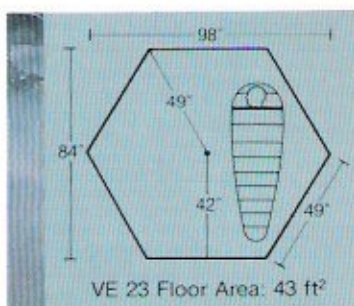
Av. wt.: 3.2 kg (7 lbs.)

## VE 23

YOU DON'T HAVE to be a mathematician to appreciate the concept of geodesics. All you have to do is use the VE 23. By taking advantage of the Vector Equilibrium design concept pioneered by R. Buckminster Fuller, the VE 23 is more stable, roomier and stronger for its weight than is possible with any other design. Fits two people plus gear easily.

And it's simple to pitch. The VE 23 is a three pole tent which sets up in minutes. The poles slip into the sleeves and snap into grommets at the base of the tent. For added stability stake the side pullouts, and that's it!

When attaching the contour fitted flysheet of urethane-coated ripstop, simply slip it over the poles with the provided shock-cord—since nylon expands and contracts with changes in temperature and humidity, the shock-cord insures constant tautness. Other features include an over-sized triangular door with double slider nylon coil zipper and backed with no-see-um netting. Two large netted windows have zippered closures to facilitate ventilation and prevent condensation.





## OI 22

THIS 2-POLE PERSON TENT (22) based on our original geodesic tent, the Oval Intention (OI) is the easiest-to-pitch tent THE NORTH FACE has ever produced! Just slip the 7075 T9 aluminum poles into their pole sleeves, set each pole end in a grommet and stake out the floor. That's it. No guylines are necessary.

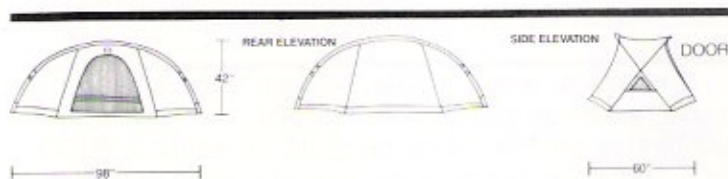
The OI 22 sleeps two very comfortably in its 35 ft.<sup>2</sup> Being longer than it is wide allows for ample sleeping area. With a full 42" of height in the center of this tent — there is plenty of room to sit up and move around. Even the tent colors have been chosen for psychological comfort: the soft silver-blue walls enhance the feeling of spaciousness and the gold floor adds a nice feeling of warmth.

The large tent door opens and closes with a smooth sliding, ultra-lightweight nylon zipper. The pole sections are shorter, enabling this 2-person tent to be very compact when stuffed to a mere 5"x18". The side walls are cut lower, again to reduce weight. In fact, we have done everything we could to

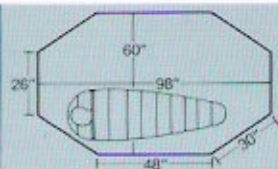
reduce the weight of this tent without sacrificing function, construction or the quality of materials.

Increasing the versatility of this tent is the inclusion of a full-coverage flysheet of 2.15 oz./yard<sup>2</sup> urethane coated nylon ripstop. The use of no-see-um netting on the door and vents, along with easy to open and close velcro vents, saves you from carrying extra weight.

So if you are looking for a 2-person tent that is quick and easy to pitch, packs a minimum of weight and a maximum of value — step into the NORTH FACE OI 22.



Color: Silver blue/gold tent with silver blue/gold flysheet  
Av. wt.: 2.53 kg (5 lbs. 8 oz.)





## WESTWIND

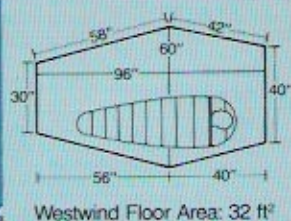
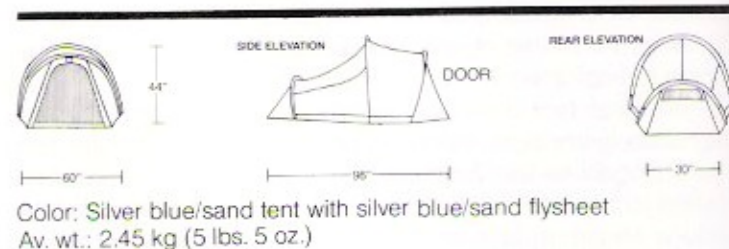
WHEN WE WENT to work to design a tent that was lighter, simpler and easier to fit into a small backpack, we began with a single criterion: the most efficient use of space and materials possible.

The result is our Westwind, a tent designed anthropometrically — to correspond to the dimensions of a human body for more comfort. Like our bodies, the Westwind is longer than it is wide, and it is high in the center where you naturally sit up, and low at the extremes where you naturally lie down. It packs a lot more living space into a relatively smaller volume. Which means the tent is lighter and easier to carry.

It is easy to assemble. The Westwind features three 7075 aircraft grade aluminum poles slipped into sleeves. Pole sections are pre-bent where necessary to reduce stress. Just set up the poles and stake the ends of the tent and you are set to go.

The Westwind also features a *full coverage flysheet*, waterproof

urethane coated nylon taffeta floor, and lightweight 2.15 oz. urethane-coated ripstop sidewalls — all of which provide plenty of protection in foul weather. The large door, with new ultra-lightweight continuous molded zipper, is backed by no-see-um netting, as is the velcro-closing rear vent. Our famous NORTH FACE detailing is featured throughout, from double-needle lap-felled seams to handy little interior pockets. Best of all, the entire tent, with flysheet, weighs a mere 5 lbs. 5 oz. and stuffs into a convenient 5" by 18" stuffsack.





## SIERRA

The Sierra has always been the standard by which other A-frame tents are measured. This spacious tent, which will easily accommodate two adults and their gear, is designed for all seasons; its strength and stability is unmatched. The A-frames at either end of the tent are 48" high. The poles, made of shockcorded sections of 6063 T832 aluminum alloy, fit in grommet tabs sewn in the base of the tent, slip through pole sleeves and then join in a machined o-jive at the apex of each end. The slight flex of these poles, combined with the extreme catenary cut of the ridgeline — produces an integral tension independent of the ground. The front and rear guylines then run over the apex of the A-frame for a taut, wrinkle-free pitch, even in high winds and heavy snow.

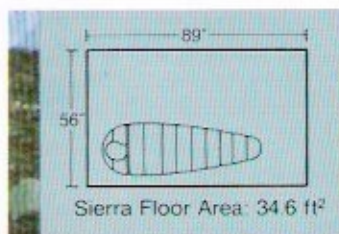
The Sierra has a tub floor made of 2.8 oz. urethane-coated nylon. This waterproof floor extends 15" up the sidewalls and up to the peak on the A-frame to fully protect against wind-blown rain. Double pullouts on either side of the tent increase the interior space and also help stabilize the tent in bad weather. The flysheet, made of 2.2 urethane-coated ripstop with

extra fabric over the o-jive of each A-frame, is oversized for ample protection and is also contour-fitted. Thus the streamlined shape of the Sierra sheds rain and snow quite easily.

The large triangular door has a double slider nylon coil zipper and is backed with an incredibly fine mesh, no-see-um netting. The 24" zippered rear window, which also has no-see-um netting, helps maintain excellent cross-ventilation to prevent any accumulation of condensation. Both zippers, on the door and window, are protected from weather by eaves of coated fabric attached to the end guylines. The Sierra is sewn with lap-felled, double-needle seams for strength and durability. Stakes, seam sealer and all necessary cords are included.



Colors: Taupe/gold with taupe flysheet  
Av. wt.: 3.37 Kg (7 lbs. 6 oz.)





# TREKKING IN NEPAL

**I**F YOU'VE EVER backpacked, chances are you've shared this fantasy:

*You round a corner at the end of the day into a camp that is already set up. Tea is served as you recline in luxury beneath snowy mountains. Your pack has arrived before you; your sleeping bag is already spread in your tent on a foam mattress thicker than you would ever think of carrying on your own back. The odor of fresh food cooking mingles with the scents of the earth, and soon a tablecloth and silverware appear.*

This is not some idle daydream of Shangri-La, but rather the typical reality of trekking with Mountain Travel in the Mount Everest region of Nepal. It is possible because nowhere else on earth is there such a combination of high mountains, low food and labor costs, roadless areas, and strong, selfless native people.

"Trek" came from a South African word meaning a slow journey by ox cart. A Nepalese trek is more like a legendary Central Asian caravan where people, pack animals, food, and equipment follow trade routes very much in tune with local cultures. Luxury takes on its original meaning, an increase in value by transport to places where such goods and services are not normally available rather than our modern meaning of something simply expensive. Thus a diamond on a finger loses its sense of luxury on the trail, while a simple cup of tea, a hot dinner, and a tent set up by Sherpas come together to last forever in one's soul.

Central to this feeling of luxury are the Sherpa people, Tibetan Buddhists who emigrated to mountain regions in Nepal about five centuries ago. Although their tribe comprises less than 1 percent of Nepal's population, they have served virtually all treks and expeditions in the country so successfully that their name is sometimes mistaken to mean just any mountain porter.

Sherpas have unique qualifications to be the world's best mountain porters and guides. Their culture does not root them to a single plot of land, like that of hill farmers, nor does it take advantage of travelers, like that of most nomads. Sherpas traditionally split their lives between homes in the Khumbu Valley, summer cabins in high pastures beneath the peaks, and trade with Tibet.



Sheep passing by mani rocks, with inscriptions chiseled by devout pilgrims (top); a young Nepali in the colorful Sherpa garb (above); at Thami monastery, colorful tankas frame the seat of the lama (opp. above); the moon setting at Kunde (opp. below).

When the border closed due to the Chinese takeover of Tibet in the fifties, trade virtually ceased and an empty niche was created in the Sherpa lifestyle. Extra income was a necessity at such high altitudes where growing and grazing seasons were too short to sustain the culture by themselves.

Trekking filled the gap almost perfectly. It not only provided income, but also preserved the old heritage of a culture intimately tied to carrying loads back and forth across the Himalaya.

Compared to the rest of Asia, Nepal is surprisingly un-westernized. Until 1950, the entire country was officially sealed off to foreigners, making it far more mysterious and forbidden than Tibet during the years of Communist closure. In October 1950, a young American doctor, Charles Houston, and his father, Oscar, were among the first group of Westerners ever to penetrate the Khumbu Valley, the Sherpa homeland under Mount Everest. On their way home, glowing with the idealism of the times, Charles told his father of the need for modern medicine and education in the Sherpa's old-fashioned paradise. Oscar saw great danger in anything that would allow government to infiltrate a place so untouched by "progress," a true Shangri-La. "After we tell the world about this place," he mused, "it will never be the same, and if we don't, another party will come soon and they will tell what they found."

Changes have occurred over the years, but to a lesser degree than is indicated by many environmentally focused articles. For example, annual numbers of trekkers now surpass Sherpa residents, but on a given day the area is distinctly uncrowded.

In 1980, thirty years after his initial visit, Charles Houston

returned to the Khumbu on a Mountain Travel trek. He had feared doing so, because of rumored changes and his desire to preserve his original memories. To his great surprise, he found the essential values unchanged and, once again, his experience was fabulous. So far, the Khumbu Region and its Sherpa inhabitants are beating the odds that are extinguishing the old ways of mountain dwellers around the world.

-----Galen Rowell







A chorten at Dingboche 4412 m (14150 ft.) with a less familiar view of Ama Dablam behind (right). At the hospital in Kunde, members of THE NORTH FACE crew meet with Sir Edmund Hillary (below).

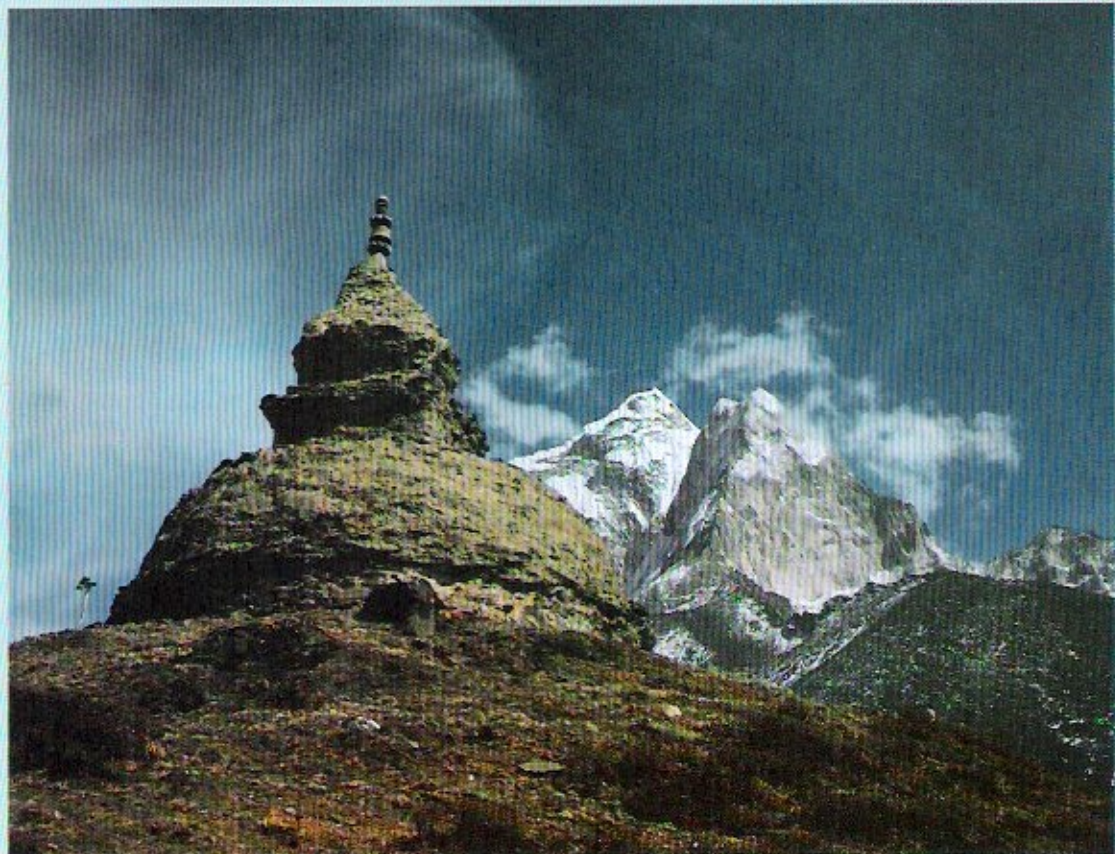


Photo • Sherpa Mingma Mote

Dear Friends:

The mountain people of the Nepal Himalaya—the Sherpas—have achieved worldwide renown for their cheerfulness, their toughness and their ability to carry great loads at extreme altitude. But life in a Sherpa village isn't al-

ways easy—the environment is harsh; there is a constant struggle for survival.

I first visited the Khumbu Valley south of Mt. Everest 31 years ago, and soon built a warm friendship with the Sherpa inhabitants. I found that their strong culture and religion helped them to meet their problems with philosophy and understanding. Luxuries were few, but laughter was frequent. Despite this, it was impossible for me not to be aware of the things they lacked: schools, medical care, and fresh water piped into villages.

For ten years, I just talked about the help that should be given. Then in 1961, I started actually doing something about it. With funds raised in the United States, my expedition companions and I built a school in the village of Khumjung (12,700'). This was the start of a long and vigorous assistance program.

Requests for help came from every direction. I asked the villagers what contribution they could make. "We have little money," they always replied, "only the strength of our hands." And that is what they willingly gave, the free carrying of timber from a day's walk away in the forest, the breaking and hauling of rocks to make thick, strong walls, the lugging of bundles of roofing or great rolls of plastic pipe up the mountain side. Together with the Sherpas over the last 21 years, we have built 18 schools, two hospitals, many bridges, water pipelines and even two airfields.

The members of the Himalayan Trust are all volunteers, but money must be raised for building materials, hospital supplies, teachers' salaries and student scholarships. We have been helped by contributions from companies both large and small, by schools and service clubs, and by many generous individuals. Our support has largely come from the U.S., Canada and New Zealand.

There is no end to the tasks to be undertaken in this remote Himalayan area. The people are much to be admired; there is no question of feeling sorry for them. But they need help.

The Himalayan Trust acts as a bridge to help supply these needs. We are confident that any money donated is well and carefully spent for the welfare of these admirable people.

Sincerely,

Sir Edmund Hillary  
Chairman, Himalayan Trust



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Contributions can be made payable to the American Himalayan Foundation, an organization founded by Americans, of which Sir Edmund Hillary is a director. Mark your check "For HIMALAYAN TRUST." Send to The American Himalayan Foundation, Dept. NFC, 473 Jackson Street, San Francisco, CA 94111.



# BAGS

## GOOSE DOWN

## POLARGUARD

## & RADIANT BARRIER

**N**OTHING IS MORE miserable than a night spent in a sleeping bag that is too short, too narrow, too warm or too cold. That's why it is important to choose a sleeping bag based on *your* specific needs.

**GOOSE DOWN** fill offers greater warmth for less weight than any synthetic. Its greater compressibility allows it to be stuffed into a smaller space. These characteristics plus proven durability and a NORTH FACE full warranty, make down first choice (in spite of the extra cost) for the serious, self-propelled traveler.

**POLARGUARD®** weighs more than an equal insulating value of down, but it is more resistant to humidity and water—resisting rot and mildew. Its synthetic fibers do not retain moisture, allowing it to dry quickly if wet—keeping you warm with its maintained loft.

**RADIANT BARRIER CONSTRUCTION.** Orcotherm™ reflective film increases the warmth-to-weight efficiency of PolarGuard® by forming an internal multi-layered barrier which prevents escape of the body's radiant energy. It is incredibly light, highly durable and resistant to extremes of both hot and

cold. THE NORTH FACE incorporates Orcotherm™ with the versatility of PolarGuard® to produce a bag of exceptional comfort and quality. (New this Fall)

**TEMPERATURE RATINGS.** When choosing a sleeping bag, base your decision about the temperature rating by the most common situation you'll be likely to use it in. If 90% of your outdoor time will be spent in the summer months—do not buy a winter bag or you'll spend most of your time too hot, waking up every fifteen minutes to fan yourself! For those out of the ordinary situations, wear a down parka, borrow a bag or rent one—and sleep comfortably the majority of the time.

**WEIGHT & STUFFED SIZE.** For equal warmth, the stuffed size and weight of a down bag will be less than a synthetic bag. If you are planning a long distance backpacking trip, a winter cross country ski trek or a bicycle tour where lightness of weight and carrying a small load is important—then a down sleeping bag is a must for you. If you are planning a long raft trip where the bag is likely to get wet and where the weight and size of bag are not as crucial—then a PolarGuard® bag would be your first choice.

**SHAPE & SIZE.** Mummy bags are the most efficient—they keep you warmer with less weight because there is less volume to be heated and less surface area to radiate heat away. For trips where the temperatures

are cold and weight is a primary consideration—a mummy bag should be first choice.

THE NORTH FACE Mummy bags are cut with a full fit for additional comfort. Three sizes are available depending on the style. As a bag increases in length, it changes proportionately in width. See charts for sizes.

Rectangular bags are roomier and easier to ventilate on hot summer nights with the full zipper. Where warmth and weight are not as critical and comfort is—a rectangular bag is the perfect choice.

**FABRICS.** 1.9 oz./yd<sup>2</sup> nylon ripstop with a 70 denier and a 110x100 thread count; one of the best strength-to-weight fabrics available. Used in most of our bags.

1.5 oz./yd<sup>2</sup> nylon ripstop with a 40 denier and a 140x110 thread count; an ultra-light fabric with a soft texture. Shell material for Chrysalis and Blue Kazoo.

Two-ply GoreTex® outer laminated to 1.1 oz./yd<sup>2</sup> nylon ripstop with a 30 denier and 118x118 thread count; an ideal fabric to keep moisture out. Shell material for North Face Expedition and Gold Kazoo.

All PolarGuard® bags are lined with "Nyl-silk" a 1.65 oz./yd<sup>2</sup> nylon taffeta with a 50 denier and a 160x96 thread count; known for its soft and luxurious texture.

Zepel® is added to all our sleeping bag fabrics for water and stain repellency. All nylon fabrics are finished with Kendown® processing for downproofness.

**HOOD.** Your neck and head radiate more heat than any other portion of your body. A hood is a delight in cool-to-cold weather and is crucial in frigid weather. **NORTH FACE** hoods have a drawcord with a sturdy fixlock that provides three distinct adjustments—across the neck, around the hood or both.

**MATING.** Rectangular bags can be zipped together when the zipper types match. Mummy bags are made with right or left zipper side. You can mate a right-hand zipper with a left-hand zipper as long as the zipper types are compatible.

**FOOT.** To provide an insulating layer around your feet while you sleep, the foot sections are differentially cut and baffled.

**DOUBLE-SLIDER ZIPPER.** Zippers are continuous coil nylon with double-sliders and double-toggles. They open from top or bottom, inside or outside. Coil zippers are smooth sliding, self-repairing, resist freezing and cannot snag fabric. Several goose down bags have the Option® coil zipper, the smoothest sliding, most trouble-free zipper available.

**VELCRO TAB.** You can leave the zipper partially unzipped for ventilation on a warm night and the velcro tab at the top keeps the bag from separating while you sleep.

**DRAFT TUBE.** To prevent cold air from entering along the length of the zipper, an insulated draft tube is in all bags.



**T**esting of goose down prior to use in our products is standard at THE NORTH FACE. You can rest assured that the fill power is a full 550 cubic inches per ounce and that FTC guidelines for a "goose down-filled product" are met. A Full Warranty backs up our commitment to quality.



**BLUE KAZOO.** One of the lightest and most compactible down bags. It features a lightweight 1.5 oz. ripstop shell, #7 nylon coil zipper and no side block baffle for down distribution control from the top to the bottom. Color: Royal  
Large  
Regular



**GOLD KAZOO.** Add a GoreTex® outer shell to a Blue Kazoo and the result is a bag with more versatility. The increased resistance to moisture and greater windproofness provides an extra measure of warmth. Color: Gold w/royal  
Large only



**CHRYSLIS.** Extra space without extra weight. Light 1.5 oz. ripstop, a #7 nylon coil zipper and the elimination of the side block baffle (to allow down distribution) makes this possible. Color: Royal  
Regular  
Small

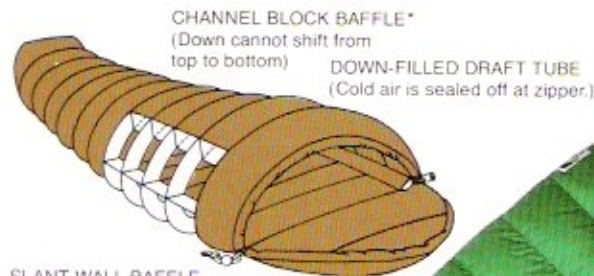


**SUPERLIGHT.** The pronounced tapered shape makes this a very efficient 3 lb. bag. Though we recommend it for three-season use, it can be used in mild winter applications. Colors: Navy, Red w/silver grey  
Regular  
Small  
Large

MODEL/SIZE	°F TEMP RANGE	FILL WEIGHT	SHAPE	LOFT	TOTAL WEIGHT*	LENGTH	WIDTH AT ELBOWS	FITS PERSON TO	ZIPPER LENGTH	STUFFED SIZE
Blue Kazoo Reg.	20°	1 lb. 1 oz.	Mummy	4"	2 lbs.	83"	30"	5'10"	70"	6" x 15"
Blue Kazoo Lg.	20°	1 lb. 2 oz.	Mummy	4"	2 lbs. 2 oz.	89"	30"	6'4"	70"	6" x 16"
Gold Kazoo	20°	1 lb. 3 oz.	Mummy	4"	2 lbs. 4 oz.	89"	30"	6'4"	70"	7" x 18"
Chrysalis Sm.	25°	15.5 oz.	Semi-rect.	4"	1 lb. 15 oz.	71"	31"	5'8"	93"	6" x 16"
Chrysalis Reg.	25°	1 lb. 1 oz.	Semi-rect.	4"	2 lbs. 1 oz.	77"	32"	6'2"	95"	6" x 16"
Superlight Sm.	5°	1 lb. 6 oz.	Mummy	6.5-7"	2 lbs. 14 oz.	77"	29"	5'4"	64"	7" x 18"
Superlight Reg.	5°	1 lb. 8 oz.	Mummy	6.5-7"	3 lbs. 1 oz.	83"	30"	5'10"	70"	7" x 18"
Superlight Lg.	5°	1 lb. 10 oz.	Mummy	6.5-7"	3 lbs. 5 oz.	89"	30"	6'4"	70"	7" x 18"

\* Total weight includes stuffsack.





DOWN-FILLED DRAFT TUBE  
(Cold air is sealed off at zipper.)

SLANT WALL BAFFLE  
CONSTRUCTION  
(Down is evenly distributed from hood to foot)

OPTILON® DOUBLE SLIDER  
COIL ZIPPER\* (Ventilation control at hood and foot)

\*Not on Blue Kazoo,  
Gold Kazoo and  
Chrysalis

**CHAMOIS.** A great all-around bag. It features a "full" mummy cut. Some folks take this 3-1/2 season bag right through the winter. Colors: Navy, Green w/silver grey  
Regular  
Large

**UNIMOG.** For those who like more roominess but don't mind extra weight. Not as efficient as a mummy bag, and thus suitable for general recreational use. Ideal for doubling.  
Colors: Navy, Rust w/silver grey  
Regular  
Large

**IBEX.** The serious winter backpacker will find this just right for their needs. 38 oz. of goose down in a well-engineered, well-constructed shell can take you down to -15°F.  
Colors: Navy, Brown w/silver grey  
Regular  
Large

**NORTH FACE EXPEDITION.** Stay warm! There are two down-filled draft flaps around the zipper, and a down-filled inner collar with velcro closure and elastic drawcord. And the outer shell is a 2-ply CoreTex® laminate for that extra warmth when the mercury drops.  
Color: Gold w/red  
Large only

MODEL/SIZE	°F TEMP. RANGE	FILL WEIGHT	SHAPE	LOFT	TOTAL WEIGHT*	LENGTH	WIDTH AT ELBOWS	FITS PERSON TO	ZIPPER LENGTH	STUFFED SIZE
Unimog Reg.	0°	2 lbs. 3 oz.	Semi-rect	7-7.5"	4 lbs. 1 oz.	80"	32"	6'	100"	8"x18"
Unimog Lg.	0°	2 lbs. 5 oz.	Semi-rect	7-7.5"	4 lbs. 5 oz.	86"	32"	6'6"	106"	8"x18"
Chamois Sm.	-5°	1 lb. 12 oz.	Mummy	7.5-8"	3 lbs. 8 oz.	80"	30"	5'6"	64"	8"x18"
Chamois Reg.	-5°	1 lb. 15 oz.	Mummy	7.5-8"	3 lbs. 12 oz.	86"	31"	6'	70"	8"x18"
Chamois Lg.	-5°	2 lbs. 2 oz.	Mummy	7.5-8"	4 lbs. 1 oz.	92"	31"	6'6"	70"	8"x18"
Ibex Reg.	-15°	2 lbs. 6 oz.	Mummy	8-8.5"	4 lbs. 3 oz.	86"	31"	6'	70"	8"x18"
Ibex Lg.	-15°	2 lbs. 10 oz.	Mummy	8-8.5"	4 lbs. 8 oz.	92"	31"	6'6"	70"	8"x18"
North Face Lg.	-30°	3 lbs.	Mummy	9.5-10"	5 lbs. 2 oz.	92"	31"	6'6"	70"	11"x21"

\*Total weight includes stuffsack.





**LITTLEFOOT.** For folks up to 5'2"; this is all that is necessary for three-season camping. The single-slider coil zipper is protected by an insulated draft flap. Perfect for children.  
Color: Sea Blue w/grey lining  
One size only

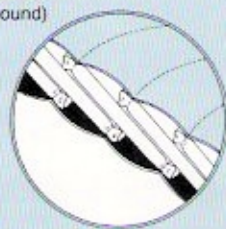


**YETI.** This is our most popular synthetic bag for recreational campers. The Yeti is designed to provide the comfort of generous interior dimensions with the features you need when the temperature drops. Color: Red w/grey lining  
Large  
Regular

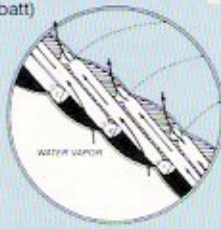
At THE NORTH FACE, we are constantly testing and improving our products. Recently, major modifications were made to the PolarGuard® bags—sculpted hoods on the mummy bags for greater warmth and comfort, wider and thicker draft tube to insure efficiency, loftier foot sections, and the use of Nylsilk® as both inner and outer shell fabrics (Nylsilk supplies a pleasant soft texture). Construction on our PolarGuard® bags is double overlapping batt, or *shingle construction*, which maintains consistent loft throughout with no sewn-through seams. The idea is to overlap layers of PolarGuard® and stitch them alternately between the inside and outside of the shell without sewing through from outer to inner shell.

Each of our bags has either an 8 inch, 6 inch, or 5 inch spacing between the PolarGuard® attachment points; the wider being in the lighter weight (less warm) bags, the closer being in the heavier (warmer) bags. 8 inch spacing on Littlefoot, Cat's Meow, Yeti, Photon Three; 6 inch spacing on Snowshoe; and 5 inch spacing on Bigfoot.

**SHINGLE CONSTRUCTION SYSTEM**  
(Overlapping layers of PolarGuard® to insure consistent loft all around)



**RADIANT BARRIER CONSTRUCTION**  
(Orcotherm film is attached to the upper side of each PolarGuard batt)



**Radiant Barrier Construction.** After 1 1/2 years of testing and research, THE NORTH FACE is introducing PHOTON THREE, a sleeping bag that employs a reflective material to act as a radiation barrier to prevent the loss of radiant heat.

The human body loses heat to the colder surroundings by *conduction* (direct heat transfer), *convection* (heat transfer via moving air), *radiation* (heat transfer through electromagnetic waves), and to a lesser extent, *evaporation* (conversion of liquid to vapor). In our synthetic bags, PolarGuard® effectively controls both conductive and convective heat loss. But due to its relatively low density, PolarGuard® is inefficient at preventing radiant heat loss.

The reflective material employed in the PHOTON THREE is Orcotherm™, a unique aluminized Mylar film developed for airplane insulation in which light weight, strength, durability and resistance to heat are critical factors. Weighing a mere 1/2 oz./sq. yd., Orcotherm™ is distinctly different from the aluminized polyethylene/netting construction

used in other radiant barrier bags. It is 1/3 the weight, yet has a higher tear strength, tensile strength and heat resistance than the polyethylene reflectives.

In the PHOTON THREE, Orcotherm™ is attached to the outer surface of each overlapping PolarGuard® batt, producing a system with no less than two layers each of alternating PolarGuard® and Orcotherm™. Breathability is maximized by the natural channels between the batts and the absence of Orcotherm™ in the hood and foot sections. More PolarGuard® has been added to those areas to maintain comfort.

While retaining the properties of moisture resistance, quick drying and warmth-when-wet, the PHOTON THREE is significantly warmer and less bulky than synthetic-fill bags of equal weight without Orcotherm™ radiant barrier film.



Orcotherm™ is a laminated construction consisting of one layer of aluminized Mylar® film with a clear protective coating over the aluminum, and a grid of 70 denier nylon yarns bonded to the Mylar® for additional strength.



DIFFERENTIALLY CUT OUTER  
AND INNER SHELL

SCULPTED HOOD

POLARGUARD DRAFT TUBE  
(Cold air is sealed off at zipper)NYLSILK OUTER AND  
INNER SHELL  
(For a more luxurious feel  
and greater comfort)

**CAT'S MEOW.** Our lightest, most compact synthetic bag for mild-season backpackers. In areas like the Pacific Northwest and portions of the South and Southwest, this is all you'd need. Color: Sea Blue w/grey lining

Regular  
Large

New for Fall, available in October

**PHOTON THREE.** The addition of Orcotherm™ radiant barrier film considerably increases the efficiency of a bag based on the CAT'S MEOW. This modification extends the useful temperature range down to 5°F with only a 5 oz. weight gain. Color: Sea Blue w/gold lining

Regular  
Large

**SNOWSHOE.** Designed for the serious backpacker who takes an occasional winter trip but needs the advantages of a synthetic — minimal moisture absorption, lower cost and non-allergenic. Color: Jade Green w/grey lining

Regular  
Large

**BIGFOOT.** Our year-round synthetic fill bag. The sculpted hood will cradle your head in comfort. The roomy foot section will keep those toes from freezing. The rest of your body will be in a cocoon of warmth. Color: Navy w/grey lining

Regular  
Large

MODEL/SIZE	MIN. TEMP. RANGE°F	FILL WEIGHT*	SHAPE	LOFT	TOTAL WEIGHT**	LENGTH	WIDTH AT ELBOWS	FITS PERSON TO	ZIPPER LENGTH	STUFFED SIZE
Littlefoot	20°	1 lb. 12 oz.	Mummy	5"	2 lbs. 10 oz.	75"	26"	5'2"	46"	7"x18"
Cat's Meow Reg.	20°	2 lbs. 6 oz.	Mummy	5"	3 lbs. 6 oz.	85"	31"	6'0"	70"	8"x18"
Cat's Meow Large	20°	2 lbs. 10 oz.	Mummy	5"	3 lbs. 12 oz.	91"	32"	6'6"	70"	8"x18"
Yeti Reg.	20°	2 lbs. 8 oz.	Semi-Rect.	5"	3 lbs. 13 oz.	80"	32"	6'0"	99"	11"x21"
Yeti Large	20°	2 lbs. 12 oz.	Semi-Rect.	5"	4 lbs. 1 oz.	86"	32"	6'6"	105"	11"x21"
Photon Three Reg.	5°	2 lbs. 6 oz.	Mummy	5"	3 lbs. 11 oz.	85"	31"	6'0"	70"	8"x18"
Photon Three Large	5°	2 lbs. 10 oz.	Mummy	5"	4 lbs. 2 oz.	91"	32"	6'6"	70"	8"x18"
Snowshoe Reg.	5°	3 lbs. 2 oz.	Mummy	6.5"	4 lbs. 5 oz.	85"	31"	6'0"	70"	11"x21"
Snowshoe Large	5°	3 lbs. 6 oz.	Mummy	6.5"	4 lbs. 11 oz.	91"	32"	6'6"	70"	11"x21"
Bigfoot Reg.	-5°	3 lbs. 12 oz.	Mummy	7.5"	4 lbs. 14 oz.	85"	31"	6'0"	70"	11"x21"
Bigfoot Large	-5°	4 lbs.	Mummy	7.5"	5 lbs. 4 oz.	91"	32"	6'6"	70"	11"x21"

\*Due to normal production variances in the process of manufacturing PolarGuard,® weights of PolarGuard bags may be as much as 10% above or below the weights listed.

\*\*Total weight includes stuffsack



**SUPER BIVOUAC COVER.** The versatile NORTH FACE Super Bivouac Cover is designed to protect your sleeping bag from dirt and dew, and, when necessary, serve as a shelter in a bivouac. This sleeping bag cover has an 8' long waterproof taffeta bottom and a 6.5' long breathable ripstop top. The 44" long nylon coil zipper is sewn into the top for ease of entry and to aid in ventilation. The Super Bivouac Cover also has six grommets for tie-out lines and comes with a 4"x8" stuff sack. *Colors as available*

*Av. wt.: 453g (16 oz.)*

**EVAZOTE PAD.** Super lightweight ground pad—highly resistant to compression set. It does not absorb water and will remain flexible in extremely cold temperatures.

*Regular: (19.5"x39")*

*Large: (19.5"x59")*

**FOAM PAD.** NORTH FACE Foam Pads offer unsurpassed comfort to insure a good night of sleep. The 2" thick open cell polyurethane foam sheet is encased in a cover with a waterproof taffeta bottom and a poly/cotton or Taslan top. The cover, which has sewn in tie strings, can easily be removed for washing when soiled. *Colors as available*

*Regular 20"x36" Av. wt.: 481g (17 oz.)*

*Large 20"x50" Av. wt.: 652g (23 oz.)*

**STUFF SACKS.** We now have a full line of ditty bags for your organizational convenience. These include five sizes of waterproof nylon Stuff Sacks. Each features a top weather flap, drawcord closure and a NORTH FACE cord lock. A large compression Stuff Sack with the same features is intended for compacting bulky sleeping bags. For protecting long items like tent poles or fishing rods, the Tent Pole Sack is handy. Securing strap on the outside allows attachment to the outside of your pack. Also, we have a breathable cotton Storage Sack, for storing down bags when not in use.

## DOWN CLEANER



**SUPER BIVOUAC COVER**



**STUFF SACKS**

**EVAZOTE PAD**



**FOAM PAD**



**DOWN CLEANER.** THE NORTH FACE Down Cleaner will restore loft and add lustre to the outer fabric of bags and garments without stripping the natural oils from the down. Extremely easy to use, one bottle of this biodegradable cleaner is enough for one sleeping bag or two parkas.

2 oz. bottle

**OVERBOOTIES.** NORTH FACE Overbooties are designed to protect your booties from ice and snow. The foot section is made of rugged urethane-coated pedro cloth with 5/8" thick ensolite sewn into the sole and an elastic band sewn in at the ankle. The top section of the Overbooties is made of Polarnyl. The elastic drawcord and fixlock in the top hem keeps the Overbootie tight and allows your calf to move and flex without constriction.

Colors as available

Sizes: Regular, Large

Av. wt.: 168g (6 oz.)

**GAITERS.** NORTH FACE Gaiters offer convenience and protection. The velcro closure is easy to handle and has snaps every 6". The top hem is fitted with non-constricting elastic shockcord and cord lock. The lower portion is made with 8 oz./yd.<sup>2</sup> urethane-coated oxford cloth and is lined with Taslan, so your boots won't harm the coating. The uppers are also Taslan. Other features include an elastic ankle band, shockcord and grommets at the bottom hem and riveted boot hook. Colors as available

One size only Av. wt.: 168g (6 oz.)

**MIGHTY LITE.** A pocket size flashlight with super-bright beam and long life. Squeeze it to light up.

One inch by two inches.

**ZIP-O-GAGE.** Perfect for use as a keyfob or attachment to a zipper toggle. Accurate temperature reading in Celsius and Fahrenheit on the front with wind chill factor chart on the back.

One inch by two inches

**BOOTIES.** Our PolarGuard® Booties are indispensable for cold weather camping. The 5/8" thick ensolite soles, sewn in to prevent sliding, are covered with tough 8 oz./yd.<sup>2</sup> pedro cloth bottoms. The tops are breathable ripstop nylon and the inners are of 65/35 cloth. In addition to the drawtape at the top, the booties each have elastic around the ankle and up the side to keep them snug. The Down Booties are identical except for the 65/35 inners and the drawtape. NORTH FACE Booties come in six sizes: **XXS** (W 4-6), **XS** (W 6-8), **S** (W 8-10) (M 6-8), **M** (M 8-10), **L** (M 10-12), **XL** (M 12-14).

Colors as available

PolarGuard® Booties

Av. wt.: 235g (10 oz.)

Goose Down Booties

Av. wt.: 225g (8 oz.)

## GOOSE DOWN BOOTIES



## POLARGUARD® BOOTIES



**OVERBOOTIES**



**GAITERS**



**MIGHTY LITE**

**ZIP-O-GAGE**



# PACKS

EXTERNAL FRAMES

INTERNAL FRAMES

RUCKSACKS &

DAYPACKS

**T**HE NORTH FACE Pack Line offers you variety in every functional niche, from simple daypacks and book bags to huge volume external frame packs. Various sizes, compartment arrangements and features are offered since specific needs vary from individual to individual. Although the selection is broad, a single objective is consistent throughout: *Our packs are built to last.* All the pockets, straps and doo-dads in the world don't make up for low quality components, unsound design concepts or poor workmanship. Our commitment is to make the longest lasting, most functional pack possible, whether it's for hauling textbooks while climbing the academic ladder or carrying mountaineering gear up a remote Asian peak.

Just a few years ago backpacks were very specialized and limited in their usefulness. Carrying one was proof of one's high pain threshold and stoicism. If you happened to be tall, short or built different you just kept quiet and continued on down the trail. No pack can make 50 lbs. weigh less, but NORTH FACE packs are designed for multiple uses, with adjustability and comfort features galore. Size choices and custom fitting are available on *all* of our larger capacity packs. They can go a long way to helping you appreciate where you are and what you see, touch, and smell, instead of feeling like you're being punished for going on vacation!

#### OUTER FABRICS

420 denier, 8 oz./yd.<sup>2</sup> nylon oxford cloth, one of the strongest weaves available, is used on most of our packs.

1000 denier, 11 oz./yd.<sup>2</sup> Cordura nylon, an extremely abrasion-resistant fabric, is used for the bottom of many packs and as the full outer for some packs.

#### OUTER FABRIC COATING

All nylon pack fabrics are coated with 1.5 oz. urethane film—Super K-Kote®—for waterproofness.

BACK PANELS—FOAM  
BACK PADS, MESH  
BACK BANDS FULL-  
LENGTH FOAM BACK  
PANELS

ACCESSORY  
ATTACHMENTS—  
PATCHES, LOOPS,  
TABS, ICE AXE LOOPS,  
DRAWCORDED PANELS

CARRY/HAUL LOOP

STERNUM STRAP  
WITH QUICK-RELEASE  
BUCKLE (vertically  
adjustable)

2" WIDE PADDED  
SHOULDER STRAPS  
WITH NO-SLIP  
BUCKLES

CONICALLY CUT WAIST  
BELT WITH VELCRO  
CLOSURE (Adjustable  
waist band with quick-  
release buckle on smaller  
capacity packs.)

DOUBLE SLIDER  
ZIPPERS COVERED  
BY A  
WATERPROOF FLAP

COMPRESSION STRAPS  
WITH QUICK-RELEASE  
BUCKLES (They allow  
you to control a varying  
load.)





## PACK SPECIFICATIONS CHART

MODEL	LOADING SYSTEM	DIMENSIONS (WIDTH x LENGTH)	CAPACITY	WEIGHT
BACK MAGIC TL-75: S, M	Top	38 cm x 61 cm (15" x 24")	62 liters (3800 in <sup>3</sup> )	1.9 kg (4 lbs. 4 oz.)
BACK MAGIC TL-75: L, XL	Top	41 cm x 69 cm (16" x 27")	73 liters (4500 in <sup>3</sup> )	2.0 kg (4 lbs. 8 oz.)
BACK MAGIC FL-75: S, M	Front	38 cm x 61 cm (15" x 24")	62 liters (3800 in <sup>3</sup> )	2.1 kg (4 lbs. 10 oz.)
BACK MAGIC FL-75: L, XL	Front	41 cm x 69 cm (16" x 27")	73 liters (4500 in <sup>3</sup> )	2.2 kg (4 lbs. 14 oz.)
BACK MAGIC TL-100: S, M	Top	38 cm x 47 cm (15" x 18.5")	51 liters (3100 in <sup>3</sup> )	2.2 kg (4 lbs. 14 oz.)
BACK MAGIC TL-100: L, XL	Top	41 cm x 55 cm (16" x 21.5")	60 liters (3650 in <sup>3</sup> )	2.4 kg (5 lbs. 3 oz.)
BACK MAGIC FL-100: S, M	Front	38 cm x 47 cm (15" x 18.5")	51 liters (3100 in <sup>3</sup> )	2.2 kg (4 lbs. 12 oz.)
BACK MAGIC FL-100: L, XL	Front	41 cm x 55 cm (16" x 21.5")	60 liters (3650 in <sup>3</sup> )	2.3 kg (5 lbs. 1 oz.)
BACK MAGIC 1: S, M	Front	38 cm x 66 cm (15" x 26")	73 liters (4500 in <sup>3</sup> )	2.4 kg (5 lbs. 4 oz.)
BACK MAGIC 1: L, XL	Front	41 cm x 74 cm (16" x 29")	87 liters (5300 in <sup>3</sup> )	2.5 kg (5 lbs. 7 oz.)
BACK MAGIC 2: S, M	Top	38 cm x 66 cm (15" x 26")	73 liters (4500 in <sup>3</sup> )	2.4 kg (5 lbs. 4 oz.)
BACK MAGIC 2: L, XL	Top	41 cm x 74 cm (16" x 29")	87 liters (5300 in <sup>3</sup> )	2.5 kg (5 lbs. 7 oz.)
RUTHSAC: Reg.	Front	43 cm x 51 cm (17" x 20")	47 liters (2870 in <sup>3</sup> )	1.7 kg (3 lbs. 12 oz.)
RUTHSAC: L	Front	43 cm x 58 cm (17" x 23")	57 liters (3455 in <sup>3</sup> )	1.8 kg (4 lbs.)
RUTHSAC: XL	Front	43 cm x 65 cm (17" x 25.5")	67 liters (4255 in <sup>3</sup> )	1.9 kg (4 lbs. 3 oz.)
MORAINE: Reg.	Top	38 cm x 58 cm (15" x 23")	62 liters (3850 in <sup>3</sup> )	1.6 kg (3 lbs. 8 oz.)
MORAINE: L	Top	38 cm x 66 cm (15" x 26")	72 liters (4400 in <sup>3</sup> )	1.7 kg (3 lbs. 12 oz.)
MORAINE: XL	Top	38 cm x 74 cm (15" x 29")	82 liters (5050 in <sup>3</sup> )	1.8 kg (4 lbs.)
CREVASSE: Reg.	Front	38 cm x 53 cm (15" x 21")	57 liters (3450 in <sup>3</sup> )	1.6 kg (3 lbs. 8 oz.)
CREVASSE: L	Front	38 cm x 60 cm (15" x 24")	64 liters (3900 in <sup>3</sup> )	1.7 kg (3 lbs. 12 oz.)
CREVASSE: XL	Front	38 cm x 69 cm (15" x 27")	73 liters (4450 in <sup>3</sup> )	1.8 kg (4 lbs.)
COULOIR	Front	36 cm x 64 cm (14" x 25")	45 liters (2720 in <sup>3</sup> )	1.3 kg (2 lbs. 13 oz.)
GUIDEPACK	Top	35 cm x 47 cm (14" x 18.5")	40 liters (2450 in <sup>3</sup> )	1.1 kg (2 lbs. 6 oz.)
BABY RUTH	Front	38 cm x 43 cm (15" x 17")	24 liters (1475 in <sup>3</sup> )	785 g (1 lb. 12 oz.)
DAY PACK	Top/Front	33 cm x 53 cm (13" x 21")	19 liters (1160 in <sup>3</sup> )	566 g (1 lb. 4 oz.)
PELICAN	Front	37 cm x 42 cm (14.5" x 16.5")	22 liters (1350 in <sup>3</sup> )	482 g (1 lb. 1 oz.)
ALBATROSS	Front	37 cm x 42 cm (14.5" x 16.5")	20 liters (1250 in <sup>3</sup> )	298 g (10.5 oz.)
BOOK-RAC	Top	35 cm x 39 cm (14" x 15.5")	16 liters (950 in <sup>3</sup> )	397 g (14 oz.)
POQUITO	Top	35 cm x 38 cm (14" x 15")	18 liters (1100 in <sup>3</sup> )	270 g (9.5 oz.)
FANNY PACK	Front	34 cm x 17 cm (13.5" x 6.5")	5 liters (300 in <sup>3</sup> )	241 g (8.5 oz.)

## PACK FEATURES CHART

		8 oz. nylon Oxford cloth	11 oz. Cordura nylon	Cordura reinforced bottom	Bottom accessibility	Conically cut waist belt	Quick release waist belt	Padded shoulder band	Adjustable sternum straps	3 point adj. suspension	Foam back panel	Breathable back panel	Storm sleeve extension	Integral top flap pockets	Compression straps	Accessory attachment	Ice axe loop
EXTERNAL FRAME	BACK MAGIC TL-75	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
	BACK MAGIC FL-75	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
	BACK MAGIC TL-100	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
	BACK MAGIC FL-100	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
	BACK MAGIC 1	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
	BACK MAGIC 2	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
INTERNAL FRAME	RUTHSAC	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
	MORAINE	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
	CREVASSE	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
BUCKSACKS	COULOIR	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
	GUIDEPACK	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
	BABY RUTH	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
DAYPACKS	DAY PACK	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
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	POQUITO	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
	FANNY PACK	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•



**Back Magic FL 75.** Two large compartments are accessible through sturdy #10 coil zippers making it convenient and easy to use. The compartments are separated by an oversized, "floating" divider, which adjusts according to your load. Two large pockets on back panel help to keep all those little things organized and at hand. For added durability, there is also a layer of 11.5 oz. Cordura on the bottom of the sack.

Sizes: S,M,L,XL

Color: Silver w/black

Av. Wt.: 2.15 Kg (4 lbs. 12 oz.)

**Back Magic TL 75.** There is a single large compartment with an elasticized top flap which closes with two quick-release buckles. This system allows slightly more capacity than a front-loading system, yet protection from moisture is not compromised. It also features two long outer pockets. An extra layer of 11.5 oz. Cordura on the bottom gives added protection when set down.

Sizes: S,M,L,XL

Color: Royal w/navy

Av. Wt.: 1.95 Kg (4 lbs. 6 oz.)



**FL 75**



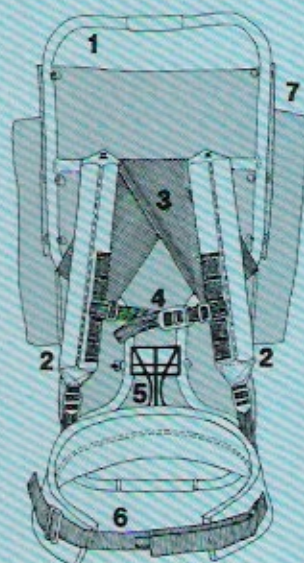
**TL 75**

## BACK MAGIC



Commonly thought of as a "new" and "experimental" concept, THE NORTH FACE Back Magic is now a seasoned veteran of mountain trails. With over 10,000 units now in use, one fact has clearly emerged: the flexible joint-belt connection is durable and functional. This flexible nylon joint attaches to the waistbelt allowing the hips to move naturally from side to side. It does this without sacrificing the strength of the suspension system. The unique hourglass shaped aluminum frame is contoured to the back and the adjustable suspension system concentrates the pack weight to the top of your hips where weight is most efficiently carried. For extra comfort it features adjustable ensolite padded shoulder straps, adjustable waistband, and an adjustable sternum strap, plus a unique mesh-backband for ventilation.

All the Back Magics have pack sacks of 420 denier, 8 oz. urethane coated nylon for waterproofness, lash loops for attaching more load, ice axe loops, four sizes in each style and hold-open bars for easy loading. With six Back Magics to choose from, we probably have the "magic" you're looking for.



### External Frame Packs

1. Contoured 6061 T6 aluminum frame. FL 75 and TL 75 feature a shortened version
2. 2" wide padded shoulder straps
3. Mesh backband
4. Vertically adjustable sternum strap with a quick release buckle
5. Injection molded flexible nylon joint
6. Conically cut waistbelt with Velcro closure
7. 420 denier, 8 oz. urethane coated nylon pack bag



**Back Magic FL 100.** Featured here is panel loading in the traditional 3/4 length pack bag with large volume and convenient access. Adjustable sack position on the full-length frame allows you to adjust the weight of your load for stability over varied terrain. Four external pockets provide all the organizing space necessary. The longest side pocket is divided internally.

Sizes: S,M,L,XL

Color: Royal

Av. Wt.: 2.25 Kg (4 lbs. 14 oz.)

**Back Magic TL 100.** This pack features a 3/4 length bag with two compartments. Its adjustable sack can be positioned on the frame depending on the terrain and weight of your load. Internally there is a compartment divider to help distribute the load. Three outside pockets help to organize your gear. The long pocket is divided internally.

Sizes: S,M,L,XL

Color: Navy

Av. Wt.: 2.3 Kg (5 lbs.)



**FL 100**



**TL 100**

#### Back Magic 75's

In recent years many pack manufacturers have developed increasingly complex and sophisticated internal frame packs. The prevailing wisdom has been that external frame packs are too cumbersome, too inflexible, ride too high and far from the back for use in skiing, climbing, or bushwacking. Few would dispute the absolute comfort advantage of a hip-loading rigid frame pack in carrying heavy loads over internal frame packs.

This is where the Back Magic 75 series enters with a shorter, simpler frame and sleek pack bags designed for mobility. The Back Magic 75's have been designed for that growing group of adventurers who need the virtues of the internal frame combined with the capacity, comfort and breathability of the external frame pack.

#### Back Magic 100's

The Back Magic 100's have a shorter length pack bag mounted on the hip-loading frame utilizing the suspension components of the original Back Magics. A unique feature of the Back Magic 100 series is the movable pack bag. For carrying unusual cargo, or negotiating uneven terrain the pack bag can be lowered, thereby lowering the center of gravity providing better balance and more stability on rough terrain. The pack bags are smaller than the Back Magic 1 and 2, ideal as a weekender or for shorter trips. There are enough lash on points to extend the carrying capacity for longer trips.



**1**



**2**

**Back Magic 1.** This pack features two compartments, one upper, larger compartment and a lower, smaller one. Both open via double-slider zippers. Two long side pockets and one flat pocket at the back complement the internal carrying capacity. On the outside are lash loops and an abrasion-resistant Cordura panel.

Sizes: S,M,L,XL

Color: Royal blue w/rust panel

Av. Wt.: 2.4 Kg (5 lbs. 6 oz.)

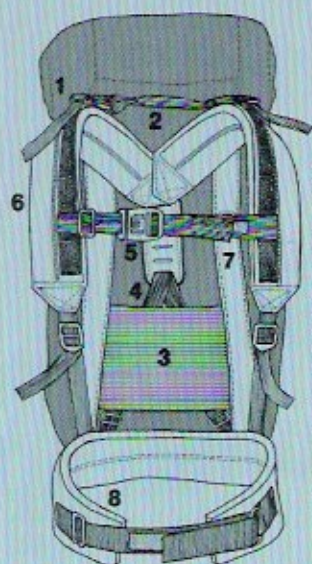
**Back Magic 2.** This top loading version features the largest carrying capacity of the Back Magics. There is a large upper compartment and a smaller one for your bag. Inside there is a slot which extends the length of the sack—handy for tent poles and fishing rods. Strap your extras on the accessory panel.

Sizes: S,M,L,XL

Color: Navy w/green panel

Av. Wt.: 2.4 Kg (5 lbs. 6 oz.)





### Internal Frame Packs

1. Horizontally adjustable cross harness
2. Haul loop
3. Breathable back panel (Moraine & Crevasse)
4. Vertically and adjustable cross harness
5. Sternum strap with quick-release buckle
6. 2" wide padded shoulder straps
7. Bendable 1½" aluminum frames set in webbing sleeves
8. Conically-cut waistbelt with Velcro closure



The keys to successful internal frame design are fit and flexibility of use. The Ruthsac, Moraine and Crevasse are available in three sizes each, and all have adjustability features to custom fit for a wide range of body sizes and shapes. The bendable aluminum bars can be bent to conform to any back shape, effectively transferring most weight to the waistbelt.

### Moraine features

Top loading, main compartment with waterproof storm sleeve and drawcord closure; Full waterproof flap over top compartment with two outer pockets; Bottom access to main compartment with accessory straps for sleeping bag stowage; Abrasion-resistant Cordura bottom

### Crevasse features

Front loading, U-shaped main compartment with double slider zipper, covered by a waterproof flap; Abrasion-resistant Cordura bottom; Outer pockets on the front panel do not obstruct arm movement

### Ruthsac features

Front loading, U-shaped main compartment with double slider zipper; Leather accessory patches on the top and bottom; Compression straps on the main compartment to keep the load close to the back

## MORaine

Set apart by its exquisite functional simplicity, the Moraine fulfills two contrasting backpacking requirements: capacity large enough for multi-day trips combined with the back-hugging stability demanded by climbers and skiers.

The Moraine's internal frame system is the key to comfortable transportation of goods into the wilderness. Two 1-1/2" flat aluminum alloy bars, precontoured to the shape of the back, are hidden in vertical sleeves. Lifter straps enable fatiguing weight to be removed from the shoulders. Load stability is assured by adjustable shoulder and sternum straps and padded waist belt. No sweat travel is guaranteed by a breathable foam back panel.

The Moraine loads primarily from the top. This is an advantage when you have to pack and compress a big load, when it's necessary to open the pack on a steep slope and when you demand maximum protection from the weather (a storm sleeve weatherproofs the top opening). The zippered bottom gives easy access to your sleeping bag.

There is plenty of sheltered interior capacity with a single compartment that carries 82 liters (X-Large), including two top flap pockets and two long back pockets that are well out of the way of arm movement.

Accessory tie-on tabs are numerous. Side compression straps perform a dual purpose adding to capacity by securing skis, tents, etc. to the pack and to reduce and tighten pack size to keep lesser loads close to your back.

The Moraine is the best carrying large capacity pack I've used. It handles 80 lbs. as comfortable as 80 lbs. can be handled. With 40 lbs. it moves with you even while skiing 30 degree headwalls on cross-country skis. If I could choose one all-around pack to own, this would be it.

— Ned Gillette  
Adventure Skier

Sizes: R, L, XL

Colors: Navy, Royal

Av. Wt.: 1.75 Kg (3 lbs. 14 oz.)



## CREVASSE

The Crevasse reflects years of design experience as well as some of our latest advances in pack design. The suspension system is fully adjustable, featuring 1-1/2 inch wide aluminum alloy bars contoured to the shape of your back. The bars are set in vertical sleeves of nylon webbing. The cross-harness distributes the stress of the load evenly around your shoulders while four points of adjustment insure precise weight distribution. The sternum strap relieves pressure on the shoulders and reduces lateral sway. The special panel of open mesh, low-density foam help to pull in air to cool your back.

The capacity of the Crevasse is 72 liters (X-large) and has the advantage of loading from the front. The compartment opens quickly to make easy access to all of your belongings. Two long 14" pockets with vertical nylon coil zippers, ice axe loop and nylon accessory tabs increase capacity and make the Crevasse one of the most efficient, comfortable, long distance packs you can buy.

Three sizes are available to fit different size folks.

Sizes: R,L,XL

Colors: Rust w/navy, Royal w/rust

Av. Wt.: 1.75 Kg (3 lbs. 14 oz.)

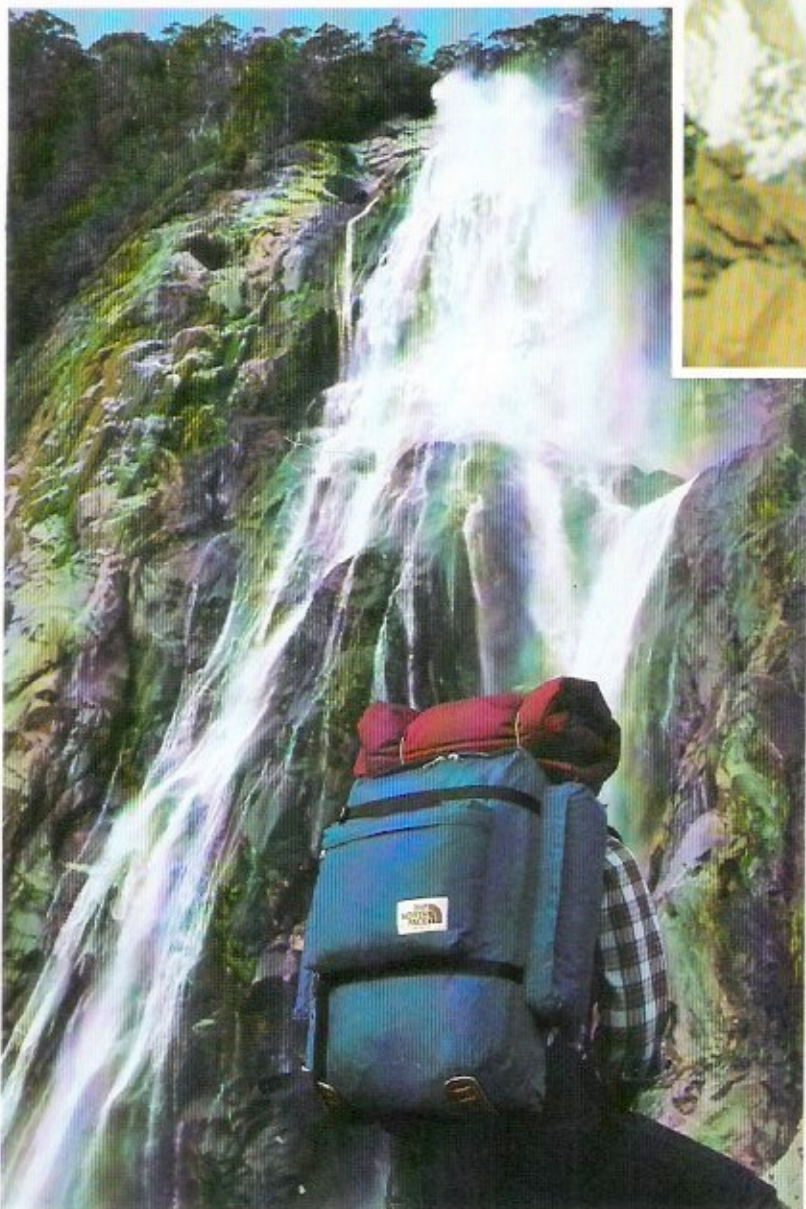


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## RUTHSAC

As a professional skier I both require and appreciate equipment that works. I expect my equipment to provide the utmost in performance and to increase rather than hinder my enjoyment of the sport. I apply these same standards in selecting my backpacking equipment. Whether I'm in the Colorado mountains or the canyons and deserts of Utah, the Ruthsac meets all my requirements. First and foremost, numerous well-conceived features guarantee total comfort: The yoke suspension allows for maximum adjustability. The cross harness distributes stress evenly across the shoulders. Weight control is assured by four points of adjustment. The sternum strap reduces lateral sway and eases pressure on the shoulders. The bottom is canted to push the weight toward the center of gravity. Even the waist belt is conically cut for extra comfort.

The Ruthsac is deceptively roomy. It easily carries all essentials for a multi-day trip. The large front loading single compartment and the two side pockets provide convenient access. It also features a back pocket, an ice axe loop and accessory leather patches.

Do yourself a favor: don't settle for a copy — get the best!

Wendy von Allmen-Seeman  
Professional Skier & Ski Instructor

Sizes: R,L,XL

Colors: Navy, green, royal

Av. Wt.: 1.8 Kg (4 lbs.)





**Frameless Rucksack  
(Couloir)**

- 1. Haul loop
- 2. Full 1/4" thick foam back panel
- 3. 2" wide padded shoulder straps
- 4. Horizontally adjustable cross harness
- 5. Sternum strap with quick-release buckle
- 6. Conically cut waistbelt with Velcro closure

**Couloir features**

Full 1/4" thick foam back panel; Front loading, U-shaped main compartment with double slider zipper; Shockcorded adjustable interior cuff; Abrasion-resistant Cordura bottom; Conically-cut waistbelt with Velcro closure; Sternum strap with quick-release buckle

**Guidepack features**

Full 1/2" thick foam back panel; Top loading, main compartment with waterproof storm sleeve and drawcord closure; Full waterproof flap over top compartment with two outer pockets; Abrasion-resistant Cordura bottom; Adjustable waist band with quick-release buckle

**Baby Ruth features**

Front loading, U-shaped main compartment with double slider zipper; 1/2" thick foam back panel; Abrasion-resistant Cordura outer sack; Large pocket inside main compartment; Leather accessory patches

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## COULOIR

The Couloir is a unique and creative approach to an old problem: How to make a medium volume rucksack that is both flexible and comfortable for climbing and skiing use.

With the assistance of mountain guides in the Northwest, we've incorporated key design features which render this pack the leader in the world of rucksacks. The absence of side pockets allows for 100% freedom of arm movement—essential to climbing and skiing. Unlike most medium capacity rucksacks, we've incorporated a key comfort ingredient—getting the weight off the shoulders and on to the hips.

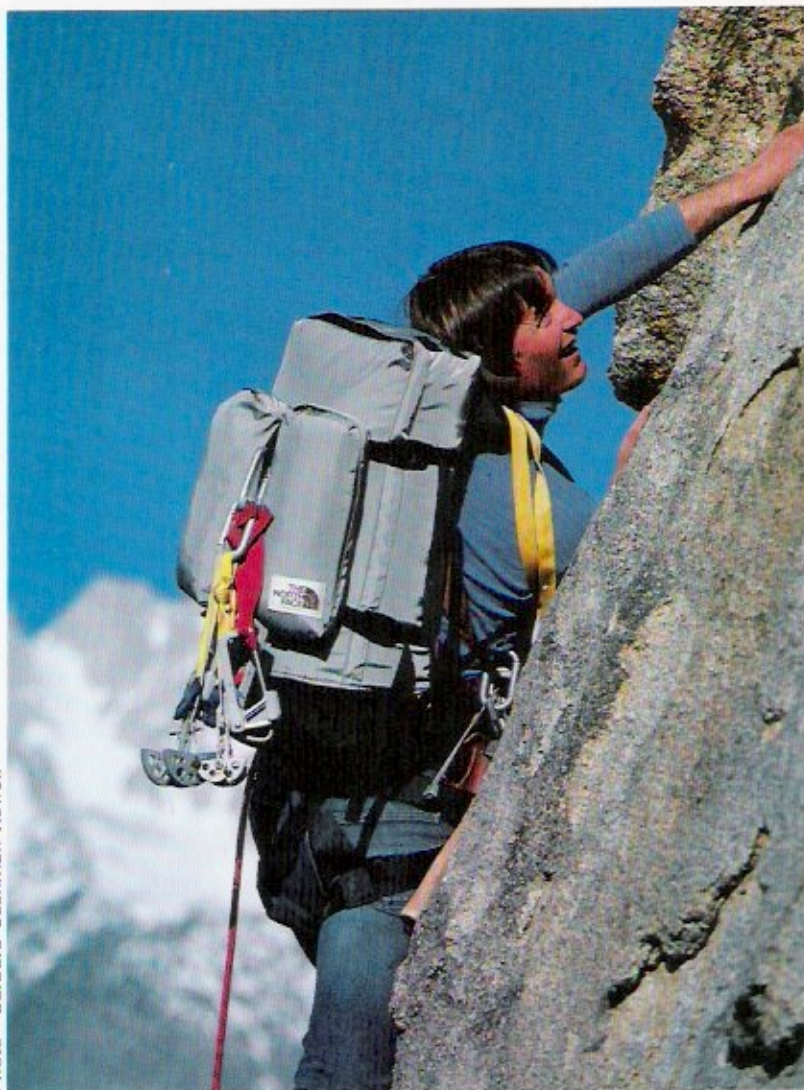
By designing this pack so it's longer and slimmer, the advantages are twofold: First, the additional length permits employment of an extremely sophisticated hip belt system similar to those used on our larger internal frame packs. With this design, the weight never "hangs" from the shoulders. Second, because of the slimmer profile, the center of gravity is much closer to the back so the strain of leaning forward to compensate for awkward loads is virtually eliminated.

Front panel loading provides instant access to the contents of the pack—while the interior elastic shock-corded "cuff" protects from dirt and water and also prevents gear from shifting.

Other unique features of the Couloir include two lash loops on the bottom, ice axe loop sized for two tools and a large lower back breathing cushion of open cell, porous foam. Use of super durable 1000 denier Cordura on the bottom ensures the Couloir will hold up to the rigors of just about anything.

For short excursions where comfort and freedom of movement are essential, the Couloir offers the most in innovation and intelligent design.

Colors: Silver/black trim, Navy/red trim  
Av. wt.: 1.3 Kg (2 lbs 13 oz.)



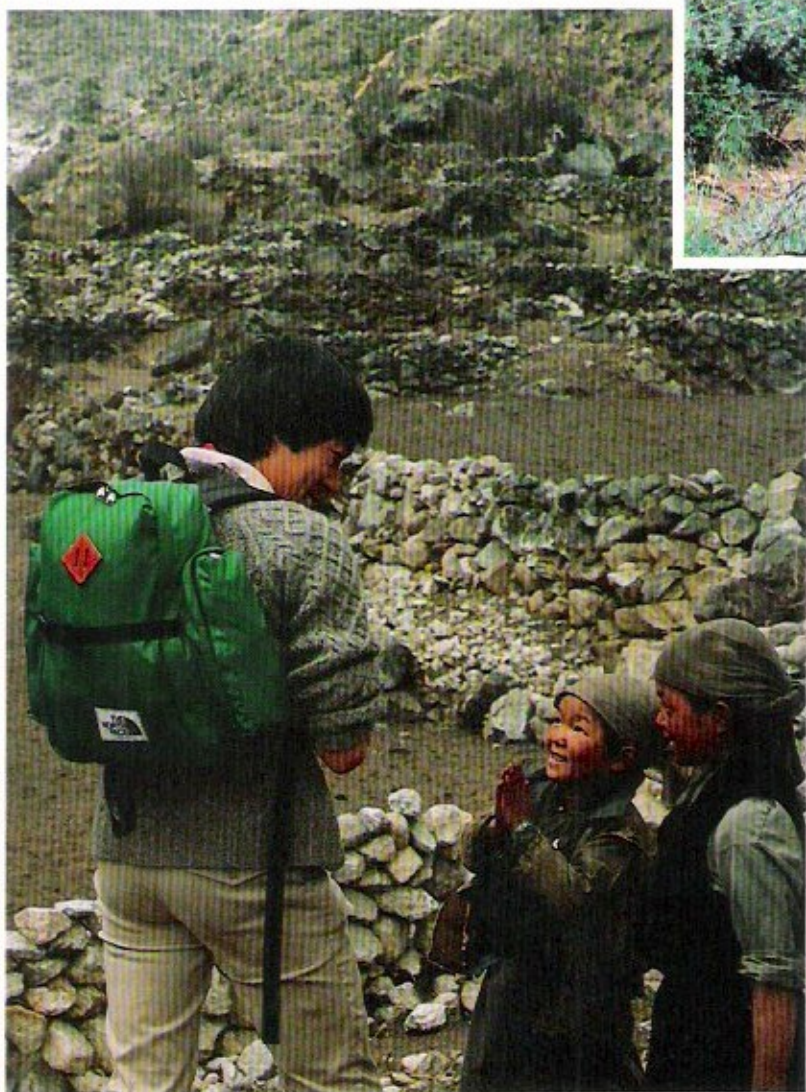
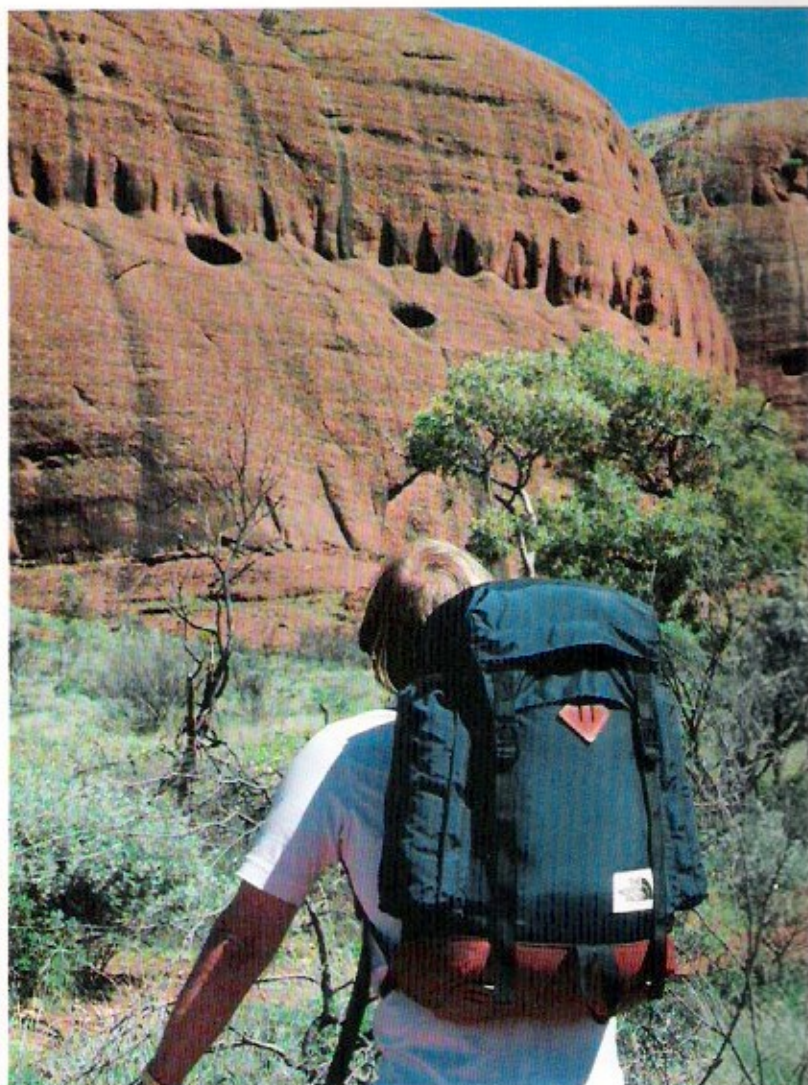


## GUIDE PACK

This is an exceptional variation on the design of the traditional rucksack. This pack, made of durable oxford cloth is suitable for everything from day-long ski tours to weekend wilderness treks.

The design is clean and simple. The large main compartment has a coated taffeta storm sleeve with a draw-cord closure to fully protect gear. The large zippered pockets on the top flap are ideal for guide books, maps, or journals. The bottom is canted to help keep the weight vertically centered along the axis of the spine and thus prevent shoulder fatigue. A removable Volon® foam back panel has also been added for comfort and stability. Other features include a belly band with quick release buckle, three leather accessory patches, and an ice axe loop.

Colors: Navy w/rust, rust w/navy  
Av. Wt.: 1.06 Kg (2 lbs. 2 oz.)



## BABY RUTH

The Baby Ruth is a versatile front-loading rucksack which incorporates features of an internal frame design in a medium capacity pack. Made of 11 oz. Cordura with Super K-Kote® waterproof coating, the Baby Ruth abounds with convenience features. The U-shaped double slider-nylon coil zipper allows you to open the entire front of the pack to reach items hastily stuffed into the bottom. On the inside front flap is a sizeable map pocket. A removable Volon® pad, which slips into a back panel, prevents sharp edges of your equipment from rubbing against your back and can double as a lunch seat.

A compression strap across the front of the pack allows you to pull the weight close to your back even when only half full. Three leather accessory patches carry a tent or sleeping bag for overnight trips.

Colors: Navy, bright green  
Av. Wt.: 785 g (1 lb. 12 oz.)





### DAY PACK

This is one of the handiest packs ever made. Divided into two compartments for efficient weight distribution (heavier gear on top, lighter items below). It's durable, moisture resistant, abrasion-resistant nylon Cordura. Accessory loops and patches make it really useful for all kinds of day hikes.

Colors: Navy w/rust, green w/navy, tan w/brown  
Av. wt.: 566 g (1 lb. 4 oz.)



### FANNY PACK

For day hikers, bicyclists, photographers and anyone who wants a little more carrying space without any bother. It even has a weather flap protecting the zipper and a quick release velcro belt — just like on the big packs.

Colors: Navy, rust, royal, red  
(all w/contrasting piping)  
Av. wt.: 241 g (8.5 oz.)



### PELICAN

A water-bird should be waterproof, and our Pelican is. Made of abrasion-resistant nylon Cordura with a urethane coating for waterproofness, it's a great all-weather pack. Easy access because it's front loading — so you don't have to search through everything just to get your compass at the bottom.

Colors: Navy, bright green, rust  
Av. wt.: 482 g (1 lb. 1 oz.)



### POQUITO

Looks little, but it's got a big heart — 1100 cubic inches — enough for a day's outing or a semester's worth of books and it's shaped to hug your back for comfort.

Colors: Navy, rust, red, royal, silver  
Av. wt.: 270 g (9.5 oz.)



### ALBATROSS

Just open the zipper of this front loading pack and all the contents are at your disposal. Organization is neat and easy — almost like a suitcase. Made even more convenient by a carry handle at the top. Plus a front pocket divided into compartments.

Colors: Navy, royal, red, rust, silver  
Av. wt.: 298 g (10.5 oz.)



### BOOK-RAC PACK

For books and racquets of all types, the Book-Rac Pack will hold both simultaneously 11" wide main compartment (big enough for large binders), side pockets, and a front patch pocket sized specifically for racquets, makes the Book-Rac Pack practical, convenient and fun.

Colors: Navy, red, royal, rust, silver  
Av. wt.: 397 g (14 oz.)



## OVERNIGHTER BRIEF

THE NORTH FACE Overnighter Brief combines the efficiency of a briefcase and a suitcase. The fully lined inside has a full-length zippered pocket on one side and a large open pocket with a snap closure. There is a zipper-closing divider which has two pockets and several smaller ones for pens and pencils. This divider allows for easy access to papers on one side and a secure place for clothes on the other. There's an open pocket on the outside to stow a newspaper or current reading. The Overnighter Brief is made of rugged, good looking cordura. It features a leather grip and detachable, adjustable shoulder strap with a leather shoulder cushion.

Colors: Navy w/tan webbing, Burgundy w/tan webbing, Tan w/navy webbing  
(16"x11-3/4"x3-1/2")

## LEGAL BRIEF

If your need is a lightweight and versatile briefcase, the Legal Brief fills the bill. Cordura fabric gives this a stylish look along with the functional quality of flexible carrying space: it can expand when you need it to.

THE NORTH FACE Legal Brief features one inside zippered pocket, several inside open pockets, one outside open pocket, plus a nylon oxford cloth lining.

Colors: Navy w/tan webbing, Burgundy w/tan webbing, Tan w/navy webbing  
(16-1/2"x11"x1")

Overnighter Brief

Legal Brief

## CAMERA PACK

The padded fanny Camera Pack with 5/8" foam insulates camera equipment from vibrations. Inside the roomy 13-1/2x5-1/2x7 case are two lens pockets on velcro strips that function as dividers to instantly tailor the interior to any equipment selection. Outside, waterproof cordura nylon keeps out rain or snow.

The Camera Pack holds a 35mm body with four lenses, assorted filters and ten rolls of film. Wear it behind on the hips for casual walking, then pivot it to the front for quick access.

Beyond the limits of comfort and design, the Camera Pack is an amazing anti-crime device. It is far safer carrying around a fanny pack that says THE NORTH FACE rather than an expensive leather camera case with its gold-foiled brand name that might as well have said "Steal Me."

Colors: Navy w/tan webbing, Burgundy w/tan webbing, Tan w/navy webbing  
(13-1/2x5-1/2x7")







Shoulder Bag #2: (14-1/2"x10-1/2"x4")  
front pocket: (10-1/2"x8"x4")

Shoulder Bag #3: (14-1/2"x9-1/2"x4")  
pockets (ea): (6"x7-1/2")

Shoulder Bag #2

Shoulder Bag #3

## SHOULDER BAGS

Shoulder Bag #2 has a big, zippered front pocket and a full front panel zipper (for easy access). A slash pocket on the other side, a nylon webbing shoulder strap, a removable/adjustable belly band turn this bag into a combination pack/shoulder bag.

Shoulder Bag #3 is new from top to bottom. It sports two bellows, two slash pockets outside, an inside zippered pocket, plus a belly band.

Colors: Navy w/tan webbing, Burgundy w/tan webbing, Tan w/navy webbing

## CORDURA DUFFLES

Three sizes of Cordura Duffles with double layered bottom, leather hand grips, 11.5 oz. Cordura nylon is lined with 200 denier urethane coated nylon oxford for moisture protection and better durability. THE NORTH FACE details include: bound seams with nylon webbing, piped seams for additional strength, plus double-stitched seams, reinforced at stress points.

Colors: Navy w/tan webbing, Burgundy w/tan webbing, Tan w/navy webbing

**Small Duffle** (17"x8-3/4") The perfect sports bag to hold your shoes, clothing or racquet.

**Medium Duffle** (19"x10-3/4") Designed as an overnighter.

**Large Duffle** (28"x13") This large all purpose bag holds everything with room to spare.

## VINYL DUFFLES

Three sizes of Vinyl Duffles designed for function and fashion. Made from 18 oz./yd.<sup>2</sup> poly laminated vinyl, the strongest soft luggage material available. These duffles made of waterproof vinyl are the perfect carrier when dampness is a problem: set them on the snow, or on a wet sidewalk without worrying!

NORTH FACE detailing adds to the strength of these bags. All structural seams are double stitched, points of stress are reinforced with rivets for extra strength. Even the super heavy #10 coil zippers are reinforced.

Colors: Royal blue w/black webbing, gray w/black webbing

**Small Vinyl Duffle** (17"x8-3/4") Ideal size as a "city sports" bag.

**Medium Vinyl Duffle** (19"x10-3/4") A rugged overnighter w/ volume of average suitcase.

**Large Vinyl Duffle** (28"x13") A large volume, all purpose bag.

## CARRY ON

The Carry On is as distinctive on the inside as it is on the outside. It features the same heavy-duty stitching and reinforcement found in our best backpacks and comes with a lifetime warranty. Another unusual feature is the divided interior, fully lined with urethane-coated nylon oxford. Two zippered compartments, each with its own zippered pocket, ensure orderly packing and make it easy to separate clean from dirty and damp from dry.

Although sized to fit under airline seats, the Carry On readily accepts overfilling. The perfect bag for three- to five-day trips.

Colors: Navy w/tan webbing, Burgundy w/tan webbing, Tan w/navy (19"x14"x6-1/2")



DEMI-DUFFLE

Organize all your personal grooming necessities in this stylish Cordura Demi-Duffle. It's fully lined inside with a water-resistant fabric to handle any spills.

Colors: Navy w/tan webbing, Burgundy w/tan webbing, Tan w/navy webbing (12"x6")



PANTLESS POCKET

The Pantless Pocket can be worn on a belt or hand carried. Two outside pockets plus a larger zippered compartment were designed to hold essentials—wallet, keys, comb, sunglasses or calculator.

Colors: Navy w/tan webbing, Burgundy w/tan webbing, Tan w/navy (5"x7"x2")



## GARMENT BAG

For ease of packing and unpacking, the entire compartment opens with a full zipper. Hangers are held "inside" the bag with an adjustable slider to keep them from moving. The removable chain-hanger fits over the top of a door when a closet isn't available. An adjustable strap wraps around the clothes to keep everything stationary.

After it is packed you can fold it without worry since the built-in aluminum "spine" insures smooth folding of your clothing.

Two small pockets on the inside fill a normally wasted space with the perfect spot for stuffing socks, belts, etc.

The outside (of 11.5 oz. Cordura/lined with 200 denier urethane coated nylon oxford) has four zippered pockets. There is room enough to carry shoes, sweaters, or any imaginable combination of essentials. The velcro "ticket pocket" keeps your boarding pass in quick reach.

THE NORTH FACE's Garment Bag is a must for the frequent traveler. It's the only piece of luggage you'll need for those short trips of three to five days.

Colors: Navy w/tan webbing, Burgundy w/tan webbing, Tan w/navy webbing (23"x44"x2") pocket: (17"x12"x3")



Carry On

Cordura Duffles

Vinyl Duffles



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And, of course, we want to  
express our appreciation  
to the rest of THE NORTH  
FACE staff who put forth  
their usual fantastic effort.

**Backpacking Series** is designed  
to provide the potential outdoor  
enthusiast with information about  
living in the wilderness and enjoy-  
ing it. Two filmstrips are in the  
program — one encompasses the  
aura and technique of backpack-  
ing (13 minutes), the second  
covers the entire spectrum of  
outdoor equipment, from boots  
to backpacks (21 minutes).



## THE NORTH FACE WILDERNESS EDUCATION PROGRAM

We have produced two sets of full-color filmstrips with accompa-  
nying synchronized sound cassettes. Packed with lots of informa-  
tion and instruction, the filmstrips also include beautiful scenic  
backdrops and lively music accompaniment. The sets include  
Instructor's Guides, course outlines and ditto masters. For further  
information on the filmstrips, please contact:

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THE NORTH FACE  
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### Cross Country Skiing Series

is intended to familiarize  
the novice with the sport and the  
many activities related to it.  
This program encompasses three  
filmstrips — Introduction to Cross  
Country Skiing (15 minutes), Cross  
Country Day Touring (14 minutes)  
and Advanced Touring and Winter  
Camping (13 minutes).



## CLEANING & CARE

To insure the continued quality and  
durability of your NORTH FACE prod-  
uct we recommend the following  
cleaning instructions. Consult with  
your dealer if you have any questions  
before cleaning.

Most importantly heat in excess  
of 140°F should not be used when  
cleaning any equipment.

### SLEEPING BAGS

Do not store your bag in the nylon  
stuffsack except when out in use in  
the field. For longer bag life, do not  
keep it compressed any longer than  
necessary; this allows the fill to main-  
tain its fullest loft. All our down bags  
come with a 100% cotton storage sack  
to hold the bag between trips.

Your bag should be clean and dry  
before long-term storage, otherwise  
mildew and bacteria will develop.  
Always store in a cool, dry place.

### Goose Down Bags

When washing a goose down bag,  
we recommend using LOW temper-  
atures and non-detergent soap.  
Several soaps produced especially  
for this purpose are available on the

market. THE NORTH FACE produces  
a Down Cleaner (see p. 32) that is  
mild yet effective. For best results,  
follow the directions that come with  
each cleaner. As an alternative to doing  
it yourself, be certain that the profes-  
sional cleaner you choose follows  
the same precautions during cleaning.

Dry clean only with a cleaner expe-  
rienced with goose down; a cleaner  
who uses mild, petroleum-based  
solvent which is frequently changed.  
Most dry cleaning fluids strip the  
down of its natural oils and drastically  
reduce loft.

NOTE. Do NOT dry clean bags with  
GoreTex® outers — Gold Kazoo and  
NORTH FACE Expedition bag.

### PolarGuard® Bags

NEVER dry-clean PolarGuard®  
products.

Machine wash in COLD or WARM  
(under 140°F) water on the GENTLE,  
SLOW WASH setting. Use non-  
detergent soap and rinse thoroughly.  
OPTIONAL: Add Downy Fabric Softener  
in the rinse to help regain loft.

Dry in a commercial dryer on AIR  
or NO HEAT setting.

### PARKAS — GOOSE DOWN, HOLLOFIL® & SHELLS

Hand or machine wash gently in  
warm water (not in excess of 140°F)  
with a non-detergent soap such as  
NORTH FACE Down Cleaner Bayhead.  
65 polyester/35 combed cotton may  
shrink if washed or dried too hot.  
The oils and finishes of the fills may  
be stripped away with excess heat.  
Set dryers on tumble dry or low heat  
— commercial dryers may be hotter  
than indicated.

Do NOT dry clean GoreTex or Hollofil  
garments.

### FLEECE OUTERWEAR

Fleece garments are machine wash-  
able, using delicate cycle, cold water  
and mild detergent. We recommend  
drip drying. Squeeze out extra water  
— do not wring.

To dry clean use the same recommen-  
dations as sleeping bags. Wilderness  
Fleece is a strong, durable fabric,  
however, harsh laundering may speed  
shrinkage and increase pilling. Ironing  
is not needed.

### TENTS

Before using, seal all floor and fly-  
sheet seams. Unless sealed, no seam

is waterproof since moisture can  
come in through the needle holes.  
Under normal conditions you will  
need to re-seal the tent about every  
three years.

Clean your tent by setting it up and  
carefully wiping it with a soapy rag or  
sponge. Never machine wash the tent.

Dry your tent thoroughly before long  
term storage, otherwise mold and  
mildew will grow. Wipe the dirt off  
the pegs. Also clean the poles with a  
damp sponge. A light coat of silicone  
lubricant will protect your poles and  
allow sections to engage more easily.  
Store your tent in a cool, dry place.

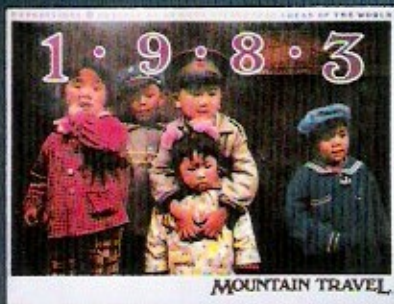
Never leave your tent set up in sun-  
light longer than necessary. The ultra-  
violet rays will weaken the fabric after  
prolonged exposure.

Some helpful tips: Spray the coil  
zippers with silicone lubricant to  
prevent freezing and keep them free-  
sliding. Tie a short loop of elastic or  
shockcord into all guy lines to main-  
tain taut pitch. Nylon will expand  
and contract slightly when temper-  
ature and humidity change. Pitch  
or grease can be removed with  
a small amount of kerosene or K2R.



While we know serious mountaineers and backpackers will put our equipment to extreme tests, we feel it's also important that our employees appreciate the life supporting requirements of North Face gear. Therefore, we sponsor company ski and mountain trips to help our people understand how our products work, and the importance of quality.

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